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MISCELLANEOUS APPOINTMENTS.

I. COMMITTEE ON EXAMINATION.

FIRST YEAR—R. A. Carnine, J. H. Hard, S. S. Martin.

SECOND YEAR—I. O. Kemble, W. N. Hall, C. W. Shepherd.

THIRD YEAR—E. P. Michener, A. V. Kendrick, W. H. H. Pillsbury.

FOURTH YEAR—S. S. Murphy, J. S. Freeland, E. L. Schreiner.

FOR ADMISSION ON TRIAL—U. B. Smith, S. R. Ferguson, C. H. Montgomery.

FOR LOCAL ORDERS—J. B. Blakeney, J. W. McDonald, J. C. W. Cox.

II. TO PREACH THE MISSIONARY SERMON.

M. Bamford; alternate, C. H. Montgomery.

III. TRUSTEES OF EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

W. F. Cowles, John S. Woolson.

IV. TRUSTEES OF CONFERENCE CAMP GROUND.

T. E. Corkhill, J. T. Simmons, J. W. McDonald, C. F. Williams, R. T. Root,
W. Price, Samuel Clark, James A. Lee, E. A. Gibbs.

IV.

TRUSTEES AND VISITORS.

I. TRUSTEES OF THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

FIRST CLASS—W. G. Wilson, J. W. McDonald, J. B. Blakeney, J. C. W. Coxe, J. T. Hackworth, C. F. Craver.

SECOND CLASS—Hon. James Harlan, S. S. Murphy, M. Bamford, E. L. Penn, D. C. Smith, W. I. Babb.

THIRD CLASS—T. E. Corkhill, George N. Power, I. O. Kemble, J. Gregg, M. M. Walden, Geo. Haw.

FOURTH CLASS—W. F. Cowles, J. T. Simmons, Charles Snider, Mrs. M. E. Huston, W. A. Work, John C. Power.

II. VISITORS.

I. TO THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY—J. E. Corley, C. F. Williams, C. L. Stafford, H. E. Wing, John Haynes, W. H. H. Pillsbury.

II. TO GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE—W. H. H. Pillsbury, I. P. Teter; alternate, W. R. Stryker.

V.

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

1. Who are received by transfer, and from what Conference?

George G. Watters, from the East Ohio Conference; George C. Haddock, from the Wisconsin Conference; D. C. Hayward, from the Cincinnati Conference; J. A. Boatman, from the Kentucky Conference; Samuel E. Vinal, from the Upper Iowa Conference; C. H. Reynolds, from the Des Moines Conference—6.

Who are admitted on trial?

George W. Younkin, George W. Barber, Robert W. Wilson, Charles W. Simmons, William N. Potter—5.

3. Who remain on trial?

Frank W. Adams, John W. Lewis, Ambrose R. Miller, John W. Hackley, Winfield S. Gardner, C. H. Reynolds, Samuel E. Vinal—7.

4. Who are discontinued?

None.

5. Who are admitted into full connection?

Harvey V. Tull, William A. Gibbens, Boaz M. Boydston—3.

6. Who are re-admitted?

William S. Groom—1.

7. Who are received on credentials from other Churches?

None.

8. What Traveling Preachers have been elected Deacons?

Harvey V. Tull, William A. Gibbens, Boaz M. Boydston—3.

9. What Traveling Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

Harvey V. Tull, William A. Gibbens, Boaz M. Boydston—3.

10. What Local Preachers have been elected Deacons?

Ambrose R. Miller, Winfield S. Gardner, George W. Younkin, George W. Barber, Samuel E. Vinal, Cable Withrow—6.

11. What Local Preachers have been ordained Deacons?

Ambrose R. Miller, Winfield S. Gardner, George W. Younkin, George W. Barber, Samuel E. Vinal, Cable Withrow—6.

12. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the first class?

Harvey V. Tull, William A. Gibbens, Boaz M. Boydston—3.

13. Who are the Traveling Deacons of the second class?

C. V. Cowan—1.

14. What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?

Hardy E. Wykoff, Henry H. Barton, Francis R. Holcomb, Eugene S. Daly, Samuel C. Smith—5.

15. What Traveling Deacons have been ordained Elders?

Hardy E. Wykoff, Henry H. Barton, Francis R. Holcomb, Eugene S. Daly, Samuel C. Smith—5.

16. What Local Deacons have been elected Elders?

None.

17. What Local Deacons have been ordained Elders?

None.

18. Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?

John S. Ferguson, William C. Shippen, Edmund H. Waring, George F. W. Willey, S. McChesney, John B. Hill, Harvey V. Tull, Hardy E. Wykoff, Isaiah A. Bradrick, J. W. Robinson—10.

19. Who are the Superannuated Preachers?

R. B. Allender, John Burgess, J. B. Hardy, John Hayden, James Haynes, Samuel Hestwood, Allen W. Johnson, T. M. Kirkpatrick, J. H. McCutchen,

Joseph McDowell, John Orr, William Poston, Richard S. Robinson, H. Runyan, Anthony Robinson, A. W. Stryker, J. G. Thompson, E. W. Twining, L. C. Woodford, J. T. Coleman, J. Gassner, George H. Clark—22.

20. Was the character of each Preacher examined?

Yes.

21. Have any died?

Benjamin Holland, Peter F. Holtzinger—2.

22. Have any been transferred, and to what Conference?

P. H. Bodkin, to the Texas Conference; Geoge W. Story, to Southern California Conference; William H. H. Smith, A. T. Alexander, T. Jeffries, to the Des Moines Conference—5.

23. Have any withdrawn?

None.

24. Have any been located at their own request?

Charles B. Clarke, William H. Honn, George C. Haddock, George Swanston—4.

25. Have any been located?

None.

26. Have any been permitted to withdraw under charges?

None.

27. Have any been expelled?

None.

28. Who are selected for Triers of Appeals?

I. P. Teter, M. Bamford, J. Hunter, T. J. Myers, C. P. Reynolds, E. L. Schreiner, W. N. Hall—7.

29. What is the statistical report for the Conference year?

(See tables.)

30. What are the claims on the Conference Fund.

Effective and Supernumerary Preachers, nothing; Superannuated Preachers, \$900.00; Widows and Orphans, \$1,100.00. Total, \$2,000.00.

31. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied?

Received from Chartered Fund, \$30.00.; from Book Concern, \$168.00; from collections, \$1,322.00. Total, \$1,511.00. (For the distribution, see Steward's Report.)

32. Where are the Preachers stationed?

(See appointments.)

33. Where shall the next Conference be held?

At Ottumwa.

VI.

JOURNAL OF THE CONFERENCE.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FORTIETH SESSION OF THE IOWA
ANNUAL CONFERENCE, OF THE METHODIST
EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

FIRST DAY.

BURLINGTON, Iowa, September 5th, 1883.

The fortieth session of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened at the First Church, Burlington, September 5th, 1883, Bishop Matthew Simpson in the chair. The session opened at 9 A. M. with devotional exercises and the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

The Secretary of the former session called the roll, and the following members answered to their names: R. B. Allender, M. Bamford, H. H. Barton, J. G. Barton, D. C. Bevan, J. B. Blakeney, I. N. Busby, G. W. Byrkit, I. A. Bradrick, R. A. Carnine, T. E. Corkhill, J. E. Corley, W. F. Cowles, C. V. Cowan, J. C. W. Coxe, J. Craig, E. S. Daly, John Davis, F. W. Evans, J. S. Freeland, Joseph Gassner, A. W. Haines, W. H. Hall, John Haynes, F. R. Holcomb, L. O. Housel, James Hunter, A. T. Jeffrey, A. W. Johnson, A. R. Jones, I. O. Kemble, A. V. Kendrick, J. C. Kendrick, J. L. King, O. P. Light, B. Mark, S. S. Martin, J. W. McDonald, O. J. McFadden, J. T. McFarland, E. P. Michener, W. I. Miller, C. H. Montgomery, C. Morey, D. Murphy, S. S. Murphy, T. J. Myers, C. R. Norton, George Nulton, W. E. Patterson, W. H. H. Pillsbury, John Potter, G. N. Power, C. P. Reynolds, J. F. Robertson, J. W. Robinson, R. S. Robinson, E. L. Schreiner, M. See, B. F. Shane, O. C. Shelton, C. W. Shepherd, J. T. Simmons, D. C. Smith, S. C. Smith, U. B. Smith, W. H. H. Smith, W. J. Spaulding, T. Stephenson, W. R. Stryker, I. P. Teter, S. H. Thomas, W. G. Thorn, G. M. Tuttle, D. A. Watters, N. Wells, W. G. Wilson, C. F. Williams, H. E. Wing, J. W. Wright, H. E. Wycoff—81.

The following Probationers also answered to their names: F. W. Adams, B. M. Boydston, W. S. Gardner, W. A. Gibbens, J. W. Hackley, J. W. Lewis, A. R. Miller, H. V. Tull—Total, 89.

The following transfers were announced, and their names entered on the roll as Elders: G. G. Watters, from the East Ohio Conference; J. A. Boatman, from the Kentucky Conference, and A. L. Hayward, from the Cincinnati Conference.

G. N. Power was re-elected Secretary, and H. E. Wing, C. L. Stafford, J. E. Corley, T. J. Myers, H. F. Pugh and C. F. Williams Assistant Secretaries.

The bar of the Conference was fixed on a line crossing the church at the middle of the third window from the west.

The hours for meeting and adjournment were fixed at 8:30 A. M. and 12 M.

The following committees were appointed:

AUDITING—S. F. Bishop, L. O. Housel, S. C. Smith.

BIBLE CAUSE—G. Nulton, E. J. Pike, A. Latimore, C. Morey, John Davis and J. H. Hard.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—J. Hunter, S. S. Martin, John Potter, J. S. Freeland, O. J. McFadden, O. P. Light.

STATE OF THE COUNTRY—M. Bamford, W. N. Hall, F. W. Evans, W. H. H. Pillsbury, N. Wells, R. B. Allender.

TOBACCO—S. H. Thomas, C. P. Reynolds, E. P. Michener, A. McClintock, Thomas Stephenson, W. I. Miller.

EDUCATION—D. C. Smith, I. P. Teter, J. E. Corley, J. W. McDonald, W. J. Spaulding, John Haynes.

FREEDMAN'S AID—S. S. Murphy, G. W. Byrkit, J. W. Wright, W. H. H. Smith, G. G. Watters, A. V. Kendrick.

PERIODICALS—J. C. Kendrick, C. F. Williams, J. W. Robinson, D. A. Watters, D. Murphy, A. Kershaw.

POSTOFFICES—B. M. Boydson, A. R. Miller, A. V. Tull, C. V. Cowan, E. S. Daly, F. W. Adams.

OBSERVANCE OF SABBATH—J. T. McFarland, D. C. Bevan, J. C. W. Coxe, H. E. Wykoff, M. See, A. W. Haines.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON CENTENNIAL—O. P. Light, T. E. Corkhill, H. H. Barton, John Haynes, D. Murphy and I. P. Teter.

EPISCOPAL FUND—A. R. Jones, W. G. Thorn, E. P. Michener, G. M. Tuttle, S. E. Vinal, J. M. Hackley.

STATE OF CHURCH—R. A. Carnine, C. H. Montgomery, W. E. Patterson, J. Craig, D. S. Hayward, J. G. Barton.

TEMPERANCE—H. E. Wing, G. C. Haddock, T. E. Corkhill, J. B. Blakeney, W. R. Stryker, I. O. Kemble.

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSION SOCIETY—U. B. Smith, J. F. Robertson, J. Gassner, J. L. King, I. N. Busby, S. S. Murphy.

TRACT CAUSE—J. A. Boatman, S. R. Ferguson, C. R. Norton, B. F. Shane, E. S. Daly, T. J. Myers.

TO RECEIVE EDUCATIONAL FUND—W. S. Gardner, H. F. Pugh, O. C. Shelton, J. H. Hard, F. R. Holcomb, L. C. Carroll.

NEW YORK BOOK ACCOUNT—James Hunter.

MEMOIRS—N. Wells, T. E. Corkhill, W. H. H. Pillsbury.

EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE—T. J. Myers, C. H. Montgomery, W. I. Miller, W. A. Swain, I. O. Kemble, T. Stephenson.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—W. F. Cowles, G. C. Haddock, U. B. Smith.

HOME MISSION SOCIETY—F. R. Holcomb, J. F. Robertson, S. S. Martin, J. L. King, A. V. Kendrick, W. H. H. Pillsbury.

The New York Accounts were handed to the committee.

A communication from the Book Agents was received, enclosing a draft for \$168.00 for Conference Claimants. The draft was passed to the Stewards, as was also a draft for \$30.00, ordered drawn on the Chartered Fund.

A communication from the Board of Bishops apportioning \$500.00 to this Conference for General Conference expenses was referred to the Presiding Elders for distribution.

The apportionment to the Conference from the Book Committee of \$1,033, for support of Bishops, was referred to Presiding Elders for distribution.

A communication from the Board of Bishops concerning the Centennial of the organization of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, was referred to a special committee, and a memorial, with resolutions, from the Northwestern Indiana Conference relating to the same subject was referred to the same committee.

The following resolution was offered and passed:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Worship be requested to arrange for a Temperance Anniversary Meeting on Thursday evening.

Rev. S. Reynolds, of the Wisconsin Conference; Benj. St. James Fry, of the *Central Christian Advocate*; J. C. Hartzell, of the Freedman's Aid Society; Landon Taylor, of the Upper Iowa Conference; Rev. Johnson, Rector of the Protestant Episcopal Church in this city; B. H. Badley, of the North India Conference; O. J. Squires, of American Bible Society, and S. H. Pye, of the Book Concern, were introduced to the Conference.

S. H. Pye addressed the Conference relative to the accounts of members of the Conference with the Book Concern.

The Twentieth Question, "Was the character of each preacher examined?" was taken up. The preachers were instructed to report their collections for Conference Claimants, with the Missionary collection.

W. F. Cowles, P. E. of Burlington District, was called, his character passed, and he presented his report of the District.

The following effective Elders were called, and their characters passed : Geo. C. Haddock, U. B. Smith, F. W. Adams, W. E. Patterson, M. See, T. J. Myers, J. E. Corley, O. P. Light, L. O. Housel, G. Nulton, G. W. Byrkit, A. McClintock, J. C. Kendrick, G. M. Tuttle. Geo. C. Haddock, U. B. Smith, F. W. Adams, L. O. Housel, A. McClintock and J. C. Kendrick were not present to report their collections.

B. Mark, P. E. of Mt. Pleasant District, was called, his character passed, and he presented a report of his District.

The following effective Elders were called, and their characters passed : J. B. Blakeney, W. H. H. Smith, A. Robinson, A. Latimer, J. W. Robinson, S. S. Martin, W. I. Miller, S. F. Bishop, S. R. Ferguson, M. Bamford, C. L. Stafford, A. L. Hayward, W. J. Spalding, President, and J. T. McFarland, Professor in Iowa Wesleyan University ; S. W. Siberts, Missionary to Mexico. A. Latimer, J. W. Robinson, S. F. Bishop, S. R. Ferguson, C. L. Stafford and A. L. Hayward were not present. P. H. Bodkin was reported as transferred to the Texas Conference.

G. N. Power, P. E. of Muscatine District, was called, his character passed, and he presented a report of his District.

The following effective Elders were called, and their characters passed : J. Haynes, W. R. Stryker, A. R. Jones, J. L. King, J. M. Mann, W. N. Hall, J. Davis, J. G. Barton, J. Potter, N. Wells, W. A. Swain, H. F. Pugh, D. A. Watters, G. G. Watters, S. H. Thomas, D. C. Bevan, C. R. Norton, I. A. Bradrick. J. M. Mann and I. A. Bradrick were not present to report their collections.

Communications relative to Mrs. John Harris and L. C. Woodford, Conference Claimants, were presented and passed to the Stewards.

E. L. Schreiner, P. E. of Oskaloosa District, was called, his character passed, and he presented a report of his District.

The time of the session was, on motion, extended.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. C. Morey was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises of the morning session. The list of committees was read, and the usual announcements made, after which the doxology was sung, and Dr. Fry pronounced the benediction.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY, September 6th, 8:30 A. M.

Conference convened at the appointed hour. The devotional exercises conducted by C. Morey, Bishop M. Simpson in the chair.

The roll of absentees was called, and the following members answered to their names: J. A. Boatman, L. C. Carroll, G. H. Clark, J. B. Hill, D. C. Hayward, J. M. Mann, A. McClintock, E. J. Pike, H. F. Pugh.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The following visiting brethren were introduced to the Conference: Dr. Hunt, of the American Bible Society; G. R. Palmer, M. C. Bowlin and B. C. Dennis, of the Central Illinois Conference; H. H. Farrall, of the Upper Iowa Conference, and A. H. Gillette, of the Sunday School Union.

The Twentieth Question was resumed, and F. W. Evans, A. V. Kendrick, J. C. W. Coxe, I. N. Busby, C. P. Reynolds, C. Morey, O. C. Shelton, D. Murphy, B. F. Shane, D. C. Smith, R. A. Carnine, W. G. Thorn, I. O. Kemble, J. M. Coats, J. S. Freeland reported their collections and were passed. S. P. Carver, Missionary to Mexico, was passed.

W. G. Wilson, P. E. of Ottumwa District, was called, and presented a report of his District and was passed.

The following effective Elders, W. H. H. Pillsbury, H. E. Wing, C. B. Clark, George Swanston, J. H. Hard, E. P. Michener, I. P. Teter, O. J. McFadden, C. H. Montgomery, S. S. Murphy, J. B. Hill and A. Kershaw, reported their collections and their characters were passed.

C. B. Clark was granted a supernumerary relation. George Swanston was granted a location at his own request.

J. T. Simmons, P. E. of Keokuk District, was called, his character passed, and he presented a report of the District.

The following effective Elders, J. W. McDonald, L. C. Carroll, E. J. Pike, T. E. Corkhill, T. Stephenson, J. Hunter, A. W. Haines, J. W. Wright, W. H. Honn, J. Craig, J. F. Robertson, reported their collections and were passed.

W. H. Honn was not present, and was granted a location at his own request.

H. V. Tull was appointed Conference Postmaster.

I. A. Bradrick, A. Robinson and J. W. Robinson were granted a supernumerary relation.

C. W. Shepherd's relation was changed from supernumerary to effective.

The ordination parchments of J. P. Rice, surrendered by him to the Presiding Elder, were placed on file.

A paper from Keokuk District Conference, relative to a Conference Camp Ground, was read, and the following committee was appointed to inquire into the matter: T. E. Corkhill, J. W. McDonald, J. W. Wright, C. F. Williams and D. Murphy.

The certificate of the transfer of S. E. Vinal, a probationer of the first year in the Upper Iowa Conference, was placed on file.

Permission was granted to the Trustees of the Church property at Mt. Pleasant to sell the Henry Street Church property, the proceeds of said sale, after the debts are paid, to be applied to the improvement of other church property in the city.

The election of delegates to the General Conference was made the order of the day for 10 o'clock A. M. Friday.

The Bishop handed to the Secretary, to be transmitted to the Secretary of the Lay Conference, certain papers relative to their business.

N. Wells was relieved from Committee on Memoirs and I. P. Teter was appointed to fill the vacancy.

Dr. Hartzell, of the Freedmen's Aid Society; Dr. Hunt, of the American Bible Society, and Dr. Fry, of the *Central Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference in behalf of the interests committed to them.

The report of the Committee on the Woman's Home Missionary Society was read and adopted, and Mrs. Dr. Rust addressed the Conference in the interest of the Society.

The Eighteenth Question, "Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?" was called, and the relation of the following brethren was continued: E. H. Waring, J. S. Ferguson, G. F. W. Willey, S. McChesney, G. W. Story.

The case of C. W. Shippen was referred to a committee, composed of the Presiding Elders.

The Nineteenth Question, "Who are the Superannuated Preachers?" was called, and the relation of the following brethren was continued: John Hayden, A. W. Johnson, J. H. McCutchen, Joseph McDowell, R. S. Robinson, H. Runyan, A. W. Stryker, L. C. Woodford, John Burgess, James Haynes, T. M. Kirkpatrick, E. W. Twining, S. Hestwood, R. B. Allender, J. S. Thompson, John Orr, William Poston, J. B. Hardy, J. T. Coleman, Joseph Gassner and G. H. Clark.

B. Holland and P. F. Holtzenger were reported deceased during the year.

J. W. McDonald presented to the Conference, in the name of the author, Dr. John Burgess, a half-dozen volumes of his published sermons, to be sold for the benefit of the Superannuated Fund, and Dr. McDonald was appointed to dispose of the same.

The Fourteenth Question, "What Traveling Deacons have been elected Elders?" was called, and the following candidates were passed, their standing was reported by the committee, and they were represented by their Presiding Elders and were elected to Elders' orders: H. E. Wykoff, H. H. Barton, E. S. Daly, F. R. Holcomb, S. C. Smith.

The class of the third year was called, and C. F. Williams and C. V. Cowan were passed, their standing reported by the Committee on Examination, and they were advanced to the class of the fourth year. G. W. Story was continued in the Third year.

The class of the first year was called, and the following persons were represented, their standing reported by the Committee on Examination, and they were continued on trial: J. W. Lewis, A. R. Miller, John W. Hackley, W. S. Gardner, Samuel E. Vinal.

The minutes of the Mt. Pleasant District Conference were deposited with the Secretary.

A motion prevailed that the Conference raise \$100.00 to make Bishop Simpson an Honorary Manager of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. On motion the time was extended, and Rev. I. P. Teter was appointed to raise the above amount.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. The list of committees was called and the usual announcements made. Rev. I. P. Teter was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises of the morning session. The doxology was sung, and Dr. Hunt pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY, September 7th, 8:30 A. M.

Conference convened at the appointed hour, Bishop Matthew Simpson in the chair. The devotional exercises were conducted by I. P. Teter.

The further calling of the roll was dispensed with.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

G. W. Story was reported as having been transferred to Southern California Conference.

The Fifth Question, "Who are admitted into Full Connection?" was called, and Harvey V. Tull, W. A. Gibbens, Boaz M. Boydston and A. T. Jeffrey were passed, and were addressed by the Bishop. They gave satisfactory answers to the Disciplinary Questions, were represented by their Presiding Elders, reported on favorably by examining committee, and were admitted to full connection.

Harvey V. Tull and Boaz M. Boydston were elected to Deacon's Orders.

B. M. Boydston and W. A. Gibben were also reported to have passed the examinations for the third year, and were advanced to the class of the fourth year.

The Bishop, on behalf of the preachers of the Oskaloosa District, presented the retiring Presiding Elder, E. L. Schreiner, with a gold watch.

The certificate of the transfer of Geo. C. Haddock from the Wisconsin Conference was placed on file.

The special order of the day, the election of delegates to the General Conference, was taken up. The Bishop announced that the Conference was entitled to three delegates. It was determined that the vote should be by ballot, a majority to elect, and if more than three have a majority, the three having the highest vote shall be the delegates. The ballots to be written with three names on each; any ballot having more than three names to be rejected.

J. T. McFarland, John Haynes, F. W. Evans and O. P. Light were appointed tellers. The vote was taken and the tellers, with assistant secretary C. L. Stafford, retired to count the ballots.

The report of the Committee on the American Bible Society was adopted.

Dr. Kynett, of the Church Extension Society; Dr. Stowe, of the Book Concern; Dr. Vincent, of the Sunday School Union; J. S. Ware and J. O. Taylor, of the Missouri Conference; J. G. Graves, W. B. Alexander and N. T. Allen, of the Central Illinois, and J. S. Norris, of the Rock River Conference, were introduced to the Conference.

The annual report of the Secretary of the Iowa Wesleyan University was presented, and referred to the Committee on Education.

The election of Trustees of the Iowa Wesleyan University was made the order of the day Saturday at 10 o'clock A. M.

The report of the Trustees of the Iowa Conference Relief Fund was presented and placed on file.

Dr. Stowe addressed the Conference in the interest of the Western Book Concern.

The tellers returned and reported no election as the result of the first ballot. A second ballot was taken, and the tellers retired.

Dr. Vincent addressed the Conference in the interest of the Sunday School Union.

The Tenth Question, "What Local Preachers have been Elected to Deacon's Orders?" was called, and George M. Barber, recommended by the Keokuk District Conference, was favorably reported and represented, and was elected to Deacon's orders.

The Tellers entered and reported the election of J. C. W. Coxé as delegate to General Conference.

A third vote was taken and the Tellers retired.

Dr. Salter, of the Congregational Church of this city; Dr. Fowler, Secretary of the Missionary Society, were introduced.

The Tenth Question was resumed, and the following brethren were favorably reported by the Examining Committee, represented by their Presiding Elders and elected to Deacon's orders: Samuel E. Vinal, from the Keokuk District Conference; Ambrose R. Miller, from the Fairfield Circuit Quarterly Conference; Winfield S. Gardner, from the Abingdon Quarterly Conference, Mt. Pleasant District, and G. W. Younkin, from the Muscatine District Conference.

Dr. Fowler was invited to address the Conference, and the time was extended to give him an opportunity to represent the interests of the Missionary Society.

The Tellers reported the election of D. Murphy and J. W. McDonald as delegates to the General Conference.

On motion, the two having the next highest number of ballots were made the reserve delegates, as follows: B. Mark and W. F. Cowles.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. S. S. Murphy was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises of the morning session.

After the usual announcements the doxology was sung, and Dr. Vincent pronounced the benediction.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY, September 8th, 8:30 A. M.

Conference convened at the appointed hour. Devotional exercises conducted by S. S. Murphy, Bishop M. Simpson in the chair.

The minutes of yesterday's session were read and approved.

The Tenth Question was resumed, and Caleb Withrow was recommended by the Ottumwa Main Street Quarterly Conference for Deacon's orders, was favorably reported upon by the Examining Committee, and was elected to Deacon's orders.

The Sixteenth Question was called, "What Local Deacons have been Elected Elders?" None were reported.

Vouchers for \$79.10 Tract Funds were deposited with the Secretary.

Frank W. Adams was continued on trial.

The order of the day for 10 o'clock, viz: the election of Trustees for the Iowa Wesleyan University, was taken up. A communication from the Alumnae Association, nominating Mrs. Mary E. Huston, was received, and the Secretary was instructed to cast the ballot of the Conference for her as Trustee; R. A. Carnine, I. O. Kemble, J. W. Wright and G. W. Byrkit were appointed Tellers. The vote was taken and the Tellers retired to count the ballots.

The Second Question, "Who are Admitted on Trial?" was called. The following persons were favorably reported upon; were represented and were admitted: George Walter Barber, recommended by the Keokuk District Conference; Charles W. Simmons, by Abingdon Quarterly Conference; W. N. Potter, by the Sigourney Circuit Quarterly Conference, Mt. Pleasant District; George W. Younkin, by the Muscatine District Conference, and Robert G. Wilson, by the Oskaloosa District Conference.

The Presiding Elders were empowered to nominate the Triers of Appeals.

Vouchers for \$521.63 Freedmen's Aid Funds were deposited with the Secretary.

Ottumwa First Church was fixed as the place for holding the next Annual Conference.

The report of the Committee on Camp Grounds was received and adopted. The Presiding Elders were authorized to nominate the Trustees called for by the report.

The Committee on the Centennial made their report, which was adopted.

The Tellers returned and reported W. F. Cowles, C. Snyder, W. A. Work and J. T. Simmons elected Trustees.

A ballot was taken for the remaining member and the Tellers retired.

J. T. Simmons tendered his resignation as Trustee of the I. W. U., which, on motion, was not accepted.

The Presiding Elders nominated the following Trustees for the Camp Ground: T. E. Corkhill, J. T. Simmons, J. W. McDonald, C. F. Williams, R. T. Root, William Price, Samuel Clark.

The Tellers reported J. C. Power elected a Trustee of the Iowa Wesleyan University.

The Trustees of the Camp Ground were authorized to employ legal counsel relative to their incorporation.

The report of the Treasurer of the Conference Missionary Society, with a supplemental report from the Woman's Home Missionary Society, was placed on file.

The report on Sabbath Observance was read; an amendment was offered, discouraging Sunday Camp Meetings, which was laid on the table and the report was adopted.

On motion, J. A. Lee and E. A. Gibbs were elected additional Trustees of the Camp Ground.

The report of the Treasurer of the Church Extension Committee was filed, with vouchers for \$478.02.

I. P. Teter, appointed to raise \$100.00 for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, reported the amount raised.

Vouchers for \$121.45 Episcopal Funds were deposited with the Secretary.

Dr. Kynett, of the Church Extension Society, addressed the Conference.

The Conference adjourned by expiration of time. J. W. McDonald was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises Monday morning.

The doxology was sung, and Dr. Kynett pronounced the benediction.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY, September 8th, 8:30 A. M.

Conference convened at the appointed hour, Bishop M. Simpson in the chair. J. W. McDonald conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of Saturday's session were read and approved.

Vouchers for \$6,727.74, Missionary Funds, were deposited with the Secretary.

The following reports were read and adopted (see reports): Episcopal Funds, Temperance, Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, State of the Country, Tracts, Auditing Committee, Tobacco, Episcopal Residence.

The Secretary was instructed to send the report of the Committee on Temperance to the Des Moines *Register*.

The Committee on Memoirs reported the obituary of Elmira Allender, and were granted time to prepare the memoirs of B. Holland and P. F. Holtzinger, and to hand the same to the Committee on Publication.

The Bishop placed on file the certificate of ordination of the following persons as Deacons: Harvey V. Tull, Boaz M. Boydston, George W. Barber, Samuel E. Vinal, Ambrose R. Miller, Winfield S. Gardner, George W. Younkin and Cable Withrow; and the following Elders: Hardy E. Wykoff, Henry H. Barton, Francis R. Holcomb, Eugene S. Daly and Samuel C. Smith.

T. E. Corkhill, I. P. Teter and W. H. H. Pillsbury were appointed Committee on Memoirs for the ensuing year.

The reports of the visitors to the Garrett Biblical Institute and the Iowa Wesleyan University were placed on file.

J. T. Simmons and J. Haynes were appointed to raise \$20.04 current expenses.

Vouchers for \$108.00, Sunday School Union Funds, were placed on file.

Resolutions regarding the circulation of pernicious literature were presented and adopted.

N. Wells was appointed to receive the money for the Episcopal Residence, and remit to the Treasurer, J. S. Woolson.

The following resolution, relative to C. Morey, was adopted:

Whereas, Rev. Cyrus Morey has eminent qualifications for Evangelistic labor;

Resolved, That we hereby request the Bishop to appoint him Conference Evangelist, and that we will heartily co-operate with him in his labors.

On motion, the business of the Conference was suspended to raise the amount necessary for current expenses.

The following resolution was offered by W. F. Cowles and J. B. Blakeney:

Resolved, That we are opposed to the removal of the limit in the appointment of Preachers; and also opposed to the extension of the time that a Preacher may continue in the same appointment.

The question was divided, and that part opposing the removal of the time limit was adopted by a vote of 68 to 5. The part relative to extension of time was adopted by a vote of 51 to 15.

H. E. Wykoff and H. V. Tull were granted a Supernumerary relation, that they may attend Garrett Biblical Institute, and they were invited to return to the active work in the Iowa Conference when through with their studies.

J. B. Hill was also granted a Supernumerary relation.

George C. Haddock was granted a location at his own request.

W. W. Groom, an Elder, was readmitted on his certificate of location.

A resolution, memorializing the General Conference to do away with the Probationary System in the Church, was tabled by a vote of 48 to 26.

The following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference be extended to W. E. Patterson for the handsome case for the reception of Statistics of Benevolence, &c., of the Conference, used at our last Conference, and we respectfully request that he sell it to the Conference, the Statistical Secretary having charge of it.

George N. Power was elected Publishing Agent, and was instructed to print the same number of copies of the Minutes of the Conference as last year, and distribute them on the plan of last year, the Preachers being required to pay for the same within thirty days after publication.

A paper relating to Prison Reform was presented by C. F. Williams, and was adopted, and C. F. Williams, T. E. Corkhill and I. P. Teter were appointed the committee called for in the paper.

The Bishop called J. B. Blakeney to the chair, and retired with the Presiding Elders.

The Steward's report was adopted, and the money was distributed as shown in the report (see report).

A resolution in favor of changing the time of holding the Conference from fall to spring, was tabled by a vote of 39 to 21.

The report of the Committee on the State of the Church was taken up, item by item, and adopted.

The report of the Committee on Freedmen's Aid was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Education was taken up item by item.

The first item, relating to the employment of an agent for the I. W. U., was referred back to the committee, and they were instructed to consult with the Centennial Committee regarding the same, and report to the Conference this afternoon. The subject was made the order of the day at 3 P. M.

The remainder of the report was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Periodicals was adopted.

The Committee on Education nominated W. H. H. Pillsbury and I. P. Teter Visitors to the Garrett Biblical Institute, and they were elected. W. R. Stryker was appointed Alternate.

The Statistical Report was read.

A motion prevailed that when we adjourned we adjourn to meet at 2 P. M. Report No. 3 of Statistics, was ordered omitted from the published minutes. The Conference adjourned by expiration of time.

O. C. Shelton was appointed to conduct the devotional exercises at the opening of the afternoon session.

The doxology was sung and the Conference was dismissed, with the benediction by G. G. Watters.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY, September 10th, 2 P. M., 1883.

The Conference convened at the appointed hour, J. B. Blakeney in the chair. O. C. Shelton conducted the devotional exercises.

The minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

On motion, the printed Journals were made the Official Records of the Conference for the approaching General Conference.

Mrs. C. A. Dunham, by request, presented, for signatures, a petition to be presented by her to the General Assembly of the State, for the enactment of a law requiring instruction on the character and effects of alcohol on the physical, mental and moral nature, to be given in all the schools of the State, supported by public money.

The following resolution, presented by C. F. Williams and T. E. Corkhill, was adopted:

Resolved, That a copy of the resolutions adopted by this Conference, relative to the suppression of pernicious literature, be placed in the hands of the Bishop; and that he be requested to bring the same before the other Conferences of the State for concurrent action.

Report No. 2, from the Committee on Education, was presented. It was taken up *seriatim*. Early in the discussion, on the adoption of the first item, a motion prevailed that the further consideration of the report be deferred until the return of the Bishop and the Presiding Elders. A motion to reconsider the vote, by which the consideration of the report was postponed, prevailed; and a motion was carried to lay the motion to postpone on the table. The first item was adopted; the second item was adopted unanimously by a rising vote; the third item, relating to the appointment of an Agent for the Iowa Wesleyan University, was adopted.

The report was then adopted, and the Secretary was instructed to inform the Bishop of the action.

A resolution, favoring the reduction, at the next Conference, of the number of Presiding Elders' Districts to four or five, was laid on the table.

Dr. McCabe was invited to address the Conference, and made an appeal in behalf of the Metropolitan Methodist Church at Washington, D. C. A subscription was taken, which, on the authority of Dr. McCabe, fully meets the claims of that enterprise upon the Conference.

The officers of the Ladies' and Pastors' Christian Union were nominated and elected. (See Officers of Conference Societies.)

The Conference took a recess of ten minutes. After the recess the Conference reconvened, Bishop Simpson in the chair.

The Presiding Elders nominated the Visitors to the Iowa Wesleyan University, and they were elected. (See Committees.)

They also reported the distribution of the amount apportioned to the Conference for the Episcopal Fund and General Conference expenses.

The Bishop announced the transfer of C. H. Reynolds, a Probationer, from the Des Moines Conference.

On motion, W. H. H. Pillsbury was appointed to arrange with the railroads for special rates for those attending the next session of the Conference.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That we record our gratitude to God for the preservation of the life of our beloved Senior Bishop, and that he has been permitted again to visit our Conference. His kindness and skill as a Presiding Officer, his instructive and eloquent pulpit ministrations, his wise counsel to the candidates for admission, and his genial and courteous bearing in all his intercourse with us, have contributed to make this session of our Conference most pleasant and profitable. Our prayers shall follow him, that the evening may be brighter than the morning or the noon-day. And it will afford us great pleasure if, in arranging the Episcopal Plan, he can again preside over us.

Resolved, 1st. That the thanks of this Conference are due to the citizens of Burlington, and to the official members of the First M. E. Church, for the ample provisions made for our comfort and convenience; and,

Resolved, 2d. To Rev. G. C. Haddock, for his tireless efforts to make our stay, during the session, a pleasant one.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference are due to the various Railroad Companies, centering in Burlington, for favors, in the form of reduced fare; and also to the daily papers of this city for excellent reports of our proceedings.

Resolved, That the Preachers of the Conference be instructed to report to the next Conference the names of all contributors to the Missionary Society, with the amounts contributed, to be published in the Conference Minutes, according to the provisions of the Discipline.

A motion prevailed that after the reading of the minutes and the appointments, the Conference adjourn *sine die*.

The minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

Bishop Simpson announced the 816th hymn, commencing,

“And let our bodies part,
To different climes repair,”

which was sung, and Dr. McCabe led in prayer.

The Bishop briefly addressed the Conference, after which the appointments of the Preachers were read.

Notices were given by the Presiding Elders, and the Conference adjourned, after singing the doxology, with the benediction by the Bishop.

GEORGE N. POWER, Secretary.

M. SIMPSON, President.

VII.

REPORTS.

I. ASSESSMENTS.

EPISCOPAL FUND.

Burlington District.....	\$170 00
Keokuk District.....	160 00
Mt. Pleasant District.....	160 00
Muscatine District.....	195 00
Oskaloosa District.....	195 00
Ottumwa District.....	160 00
Total.....	\$1,040 00

GENERAL CONFERENCE EXPENSES.

Burlington District.....	\$85 00
Keokuk District.....	75 00
Mt. Pleasant District.....	75 00
Muscatine District.....	95 00
Oskaloosa District.....	95 00
Ottumwa District.....	75 00
Total.....	\$500 00

II. AUDITING COMMITTEE.

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

Your committee have examined the accounts referred to them, and report the said accounts to be correct in every particular.

Among the items enumerated we notice the new Conference Trunk.

We recommend that a collection be taken to cover the deficit reported, viz:
 Twenty (\$20.04) Dollars and four cents. S. F. BISHOP, Chairman.

III. BIBLE CAUSE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BIBLE CAUSE.

Amount raised last year.....	\$530 82
Amount raised this year.....	436 02
Difference between the amount paid last year and this.....	\$ 77 80

Resolved, That we received with pleasure the visit and very able address of Dr. Hunt, the Corresponding Secretary of the American Bible Society; and, also, that we appreciate the efforts of the District Superintendent, Rev. O. J. Squires, in his work in this cause.

Resolved, That we learn with gratitude of the progress of the Fourth supply of the United States and Territories with the Word of God.

Resolved, That in view of the enlarged work of the American Bible Society at home and abroad, liberal collections be taken for this cause in every charge throughout this Conference.

C. MOREY, Chairman.

A. LATIMER, Sec'y.

IV. CONFERENCE CAMP GROUND.

The committee, to whom was referred the subject of Camp Ground, have had the same under careful consideration, and would beg leave to report—

That we are deeply impressed with the importance of securing some appropriate place to which our people can come in annual assemblage for Religious, Intellectual and Social advancement. And as the coming year is our Centennial year, and as this thought of establishing a Camp Ground, to become in time similar to Clear Lake, Lake Bluff, or even Chautauqua, has been spoken of, it has met with such unexpected favor from men of large means and influence, and as it is believed by the committee, that valuable grounds, admirably adapted to such purposes, can be secured without expense to the Conference. We therefore, in earnest hope that this Conference will avail itself of this golden opportunity to lay the foundation for a permanent Assembly Ground for the promotion of intelligence and religion within the bounds of the Iowa Conference, submit the following:

Resolved, That T. E. Corkhill, J. T. Simmons, J. W. McDonald, C. F. Williams, R. T. Root, William Price, Samuel Clark, James A. Lee and E. A. Gibbs be and are hereby appointed a Board of Trustees, for the purpose of receiving and holding any suitable site on the Mississippi Rapids, and any means that may be donated for the improvement of said grounds, and to expend the same in fitting up said grounds preparatory to the holding of a grand Centennial Camp Meeting at said place some time during the coming season, and to do such other acts as they may deem necessary to carry into effect the object herein contemplated.

Resolved, Second, That the said Trustees be requested to correspond with neighboring Conferences, with a view to securing their co-operation in this enterprise.

J. W. McDONALD,
D. MURPHY,
C. F. WILLIAMS,
THOS. E. CORKHILL.
J. W. WRIGHT.

V. REPORT OF CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE.

Your Committee on Observance of the Centennial of American Methodism, beg leave to report.

1. We recommend that special efforts be made to carry out the suggestions of the Bishops, respecting the connectional enterprises of the Church, giving greatest prominence to our general educational interests.

2. We recommend the Iowa Wesleyan University as deserving special attention during this year, with the following plan of operation for the endowment of the Iowa Wesleyan University during the Centennial and following years.

Your committee are convinced that, at this time, our Conference Institution is in need of three things: First, The prayerful sympathy of the Church within the bounds of the Conference. Second, The youth of the Church and its friends to crowd its classes and halls. Third, The liberal endowment of the University, the erection of suitable buildings, and the gathering of suitable museum, library and other requisites for a first-class institution of learning.

METHOD OR PLAN FOR SECURING THESE ENDS.

1. As soon as possible after Conference let the Presiding Elders of the Districts, with some of the Ministers and Quarterly Conferences, call, at some suitable center, a mass educational convention, composed of all the Ministers, Officiary and other laymen of the District who can or will attend.

2. Let the Convention be organized by the election of officers of an Educational Society, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, who shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are elected. At this Convention also the Layman shall be nominated for election at the next Annual Conference, who shall represent the District upon the Board of Trustees. This method of nomination would give representation to all the prayers, sympathies and gifts of the people composing each of the Districts.

3. Let each of the Districts at its Convention, by and with the advice of the College President or Agent, assume to endow a chair of the Institution, not yet endowed or selected for that purpose, or erect a building, or endow or raise a fund for a library or museum. By bequests, by donations of sums of various amounts, let each Convention raise the sum required in whole or in part.

Furthermore, let there be a plan made out for an Educational Convention to be held in each of the Pastoral Charges in every District, to be attended by at least one other Minister beside the Pastor. Each Pastoral Charge shall be organized into an Educational Society, having officers similar to the District organization. All moneys collected, as well as notes given or other donations or bequests, are to be forwarded to the Treasurer of the District Educational Society as soon as possible, and by him to the Treasurer of the College as soon as possible or convenient.

4. Let this plan extend through a period of five years, and, as far as possible, let each member of the Church in the Conference be solicited to give a note for the payment of one dollar a year for five years. This alone, if carefully operated, would place a sum of at least \$50,000 in the treasury, if only one-half of our members responded. Then let other sums be solicited until we would seek for and ask gifts of hundreds and thousands. Let the present pitiable method of taking up nickel collections be abandoned.

5. The agents in carrying on this work are: First, The Presiding Elders. Second, The College President or Agent co-operating. Third, The Preachers. Fourth, The women and laymen of the Church, and the Educational Committee appointed by each Quarterly Conference.

6. The ends sought are the prayers of the Church, its sympathies, its co-operation, organized effort, the diffusion of educational intelligence, by sermons, addresses, and the circulation of appropriate literature, the youth of the Church for training in our halls, suitable buildings and one hundred thousand dollars to be placed in the treasury within five years.

7. This plan is in harmony with our existing agencies, is simple, and only needs that we should believe the Word of God, when it says, "This is the victory, even your faith."

8. In pursuance of previous action of this Conference, we would recommend that among the objects for the benevolence of the Church the creation of a fund for establishing in this country Missions among the English-speaking Roman Catholics.

9. That we renew our efforts, begun in 1876, to raise an Endowment Fund for our Superannuated Preachers, and the widows and orphans of our deceased Preachers, of sufficient amount to yield all our Conference claimants a comfortable support. We believe this can be easily done, and there is, in our opinion, no enterprise of the Church that should be regarded as having a superior claim upon our sympathies, and our contributions. God and man hold us responsible for making a better provision for those whose lives have been given in the service of the Church, when they come to the time of need.

10. That we offer as part of our report the report of the Special Committee on Centennial Camp Ground, to which report we refer you.

O. P. LIGHT,	} Committee.
I. P. TETER,	
T. E. CORKHILL,	
D. MURPHY,	
J. HAYNES,	
H. H. BARTON,	

VI. EDUCATIONAL.

1. REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education, after considering such matters as have come before them, would report:

1. That, under the circumstances, we deem it unadvisable to appoint a College Agent the ensuing year.

2. That we are gratified at the wide observance of Children's Day, and recommend that, wherever practicable, appropriate recognition of the day be made.

3. We are glad, also, to note an increase, though small, of the Educational Collection this year.

4. Such matters as were referred to this committee from the Report of the Secretary of the Board were by us referred to the Committee on Centenary of the Church.

5. That one nominated by the Presiding Elders from each Presiding Elders' District be chosen as Conference Visitors to the University for next year.

BY ORDER OF COMMITTEE.

2. EDUCATIONAL REPORT.

WHEREAS, It has been intimated that if the Iowa Conference would assume or become responsible for the indebtedness of the Iowa Wesleyan University, say \$7,000, and if the Alumnae Society would increase the endowment of their Chair to \$20,000, that the citizens of Mt. Pleasant would erect and complete a Chapel, at a cost of not less than \$20,000; therefore,

Resolved, That the Iowa Conference accept the proposition, and agree to take care of the present indebtedness to the amount named, on condition that the stipulations of the proposition be faithfully met.

Resolved, That the Conference pledge its cordial and continued support to whoever shall be appointed Agent of the I. W. U.; this pledge to be made by a rising vote.

Resolved, That we request the appointment of Rev. T. E. Corkhill as agent.

J. HAYNES, Secretary.

O. P. LIGHT, Chairman.

3. REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

To the Bishop and Members of the Iowa Annual Conference, to be held in Burlington, September 5th, A. D. 1883:

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN:—In discharge of a duty enjoined upon the Secretary of the Iowa Wesleyan University, I have the honor to present you this, the twenty-ninth annual report of said institution, it being for the college year ending June 20th, A. D. 1883.

And in so doing, I desire gratefully to acknowledge the goodness of God in counting us worthy, putting us into the ministry, and opening up before us such a wide field of usefulness as that which we have been permitted to occupy.

For unto us has been committed, not only a dispensation of the Gospel, but also the duty of providing for the sanctified education of the young people of this portion of the country.

And inasmuch as we are now on the eve of the Centennial year of the M. E. Church in America, I may be pardoned for referring briefly to the history of this noble institution.

Whatever may be said in derogation of the policy of multiplying literary institutions in our state, I am happy to say that the Iowa Conference is not chargeable in this respect.

The report herewith submitted is that of the pioneer institution west of the Mississippi river. It was born in the dim twilight of our territorial morning, A. D. 1844, and was the first to open its halls to those seeking an education in Iowa. It was at that time the property of a private corporation, and was known as the "Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute." This private corporation in 1849 tendered the Institute to the M. E. Church, on condition that the Church would make of it an institution of high collegiate grade.

In 1850 the offer was accepted, the pledge was given, and the property duly transferred, the Iowa Annual Conference becoming now the corporators, and placing it under the control of a Board of Trustees.

At the request of this Board of Trustees, the General Assembly of the state, in the winter of 1854-55, granted an amendment of the charter obtained from the Territorial Legislature of 1844, and changed the name from Mt. Pleasant Collegiate Institute to that of Iowa Wesleyan University, conferring upon it all the rights and privileges of such an institution, the present report being the twenty-ninth under its new name.

But the work of building up a university in that early day among the pioneer settlers of a new country, that in their poverty were struggling with the privations of frontier life, was no easy task.

Yet in view of the pledge which they had given, and trusting firmly in the God that had led them here, and placed this work in their hands, they went bravely forward.

A new building was erected, at a cost of near \$25,000; apparatus was provided; a Faculty was organized; and the work in good earnest was begun.

But owing to the very small number of inhabitants in the state at that time, and the poverty of the people, the income was so much less than the expenditure, that in a little time the institution was in debt over \$20,000. And now in order that this indebtedness might be cancelled, it was proposed to divide it equally between the members of the Iowa Conference and the citizens of Mt. Pleasant. This was agreed to, and at the Conference of 1856, twenty-six members of that body came forward and gave their pledge for \$400 each; four others pledged \$200 each; thus making an aggregate of \$11,200 pledged by the Conference.

But inasmuch as there was no endowment, and the income from tuition was insufficient to meet the current expense, it became necessary to either close the school or contract a further debt and rely upon the Church for relief in the future.

After mature deliberation the latter course was adopted, and through that memorable year of 1857, when the currency of the country became almost worthless, and through the terrible years of the slaveholders' rebellion, the Iowa Wesleyan went steadily forward, sending out from her halls year by year her graduates, and honestly and earnestly endeavoring to keep faith with the public, and redeem the sacred pledge which she had given.

Although she has not yet attained that solid footing where she can stand without help, yet as the financial exhibits will show, she has not run in vain, neither labors in vain.

The past year has been a year of success, nothing of special character having occurred to interrupt the general peace and harmony of the school.

Under the wise and prudent management of the President, Dr. Spaulding, assisted by the members of the Faculty, everything was made to contribute to the efficiency and thoroughness of the work. So that it may be safely said that the work of the last year will compare favorably with that of any previous year.

The attendance of the past year was two hundred and eighty-two students, and were distributed as follows:

Seniors, 9; Juniors, 6; Sophomores, 17; Freshmen, 41; unclassified, 48, Academical Department, 103; the remaining number being in the Conservatory of Music.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees, in June last, the following degrees were conferred upon the following number of persons, to-wit:

Six persons received the degree of B. S.
Three persons received the degree of A. B.
Two persons received the degree of A. M.
One person received the degree of M. S.
One person received the degree of D. Mus.
Two persons received the degree of D.D.

In regard to the question of unification of Methodist Colleges in Iowa, the committee appointed a year ago, consisting of Drs. Spaulding and Cox and W. I. Babb, Esq., submitted their report; but after careful consideration of the subject, and discussing it at some length, the Board failed to reach any definite conclusion in regard to it.

With reference to endowment they resolved to endeavor to increase the endowment to one hundred thousand dollars within the coming year, and in regard to an agent to take charge of this work, they appointed Dr. Cowles and Rev. Blakeney to confer with the Executive Committee upon the subject, and report their action to this Conference.

NEW BUILDINGS.

I beg leave again to call the attention of the Conference to the indispensable necessity of new buildings.

As stated in my last report, nearly a whole generation has gone by since the present buildings were erected.

We have nothing, whatever, in the shape of room in which to hold our Commencement Exercises.

We have nothing fit, scarcely, to be used even as a chapel. It was suggested by a committee at the last meeting of the Board, that if the Conference would provide for the present indebtedness, say seven thousand dollars, and the Alumnae Society would, during the coming year, raise the endowment of their chair to twenty thousand, the citizens of Mt. Pleasant and of Henry County would complete a chapel to cost not less than twenty thousand dollars.

This suggestion, if carried into effect, would add greatly to the efficiency of the Institution and to its influence abroad. It is earnestly hoped that the Conference may adopt measures to secure this desirable end.

The following exhibit shows the financial condition of the University:

ENDOWMENT—PRESIDENT'S CHAIR.

Notes secured by mortgage on lands.....	\$13,589	29	
Pacific railroad bond.....	1,228	90	
Unsecured notes.....	5,197	20	
Cash on hand.....	734	17	\$20,749 56

ALUMNAL CHAIR.

Notes secured by mortgage.....	\$ 3,290	69	
Unsecured notes.....	2,944	40	
Cash on hand.....	2	00	\$ 6,237 09

NORMAL CHAIR.

Notes unsecured.....	\$ 661	00	
Cash on hand.....	420	00	\$ 1,081 00

CHAIR OF NATURAL SCIENCE.

Notes secured by mortgage.....	\$ 1,660	66	
Notes and subscriptions, estimated value.....	7,362	16	
Cash on hand.....	677	18	\$ 9,700 00

LADIES' CHAIR.

Note secured by mortgage.....	\$ 189	34	
Cash on hand.....	1	00	\$ 190 34

LABORATORY FUND.

Unsecured note.....	\$ 100	00	\$ 100 00
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GENERAL ENDOWMENT.

Notes secured by mortgage.....	\$26,622	88	
Notes and subscriptions, valued at.....	5,804	00	
Cash on hand.....	646	23	\$33,073 11

CONTINGENT FUND.

Unsecured notes.....	\$ 250 00	
Received from Sundry sources (interest on loans, &c.)....	4,981 43	
Received from tuition.....	2,093 00	\$ 7,324 43

RECAPITULATION—ENDOWMENT FUND.

President's Chair—Notes secured by Mortgage.....	\$13,589.29	
“ “ Pacific Railroad Bond.....	1,228.90	
Alumna! Chair—Secured by Mortgage.....	3,290.69	
Natural Science “ “	1,660.66	
Ladies' Chair “ “	189.34	
General Endowment “ “	26,622.88	
Total secured by Mortgage.....		\$46,581.76
Cash on hand—President's Chair.....	\$ 734.17	
Alumna! Chair.....	2.00	
Natural Science.....	677.18	
Ladies' Chair.....	1.00	
Normal Chair.....	420.00	
General Endowment.....	646.23	\$ 2,480.58
Unsecured Notes and Subscriptions—President's Chair....	\$ 5,197.20	
Alumna! Chair.....	2,944.40	
Normal Chair.....	661.00	
Natural Science (estimated).....	7,362.16	
Gen'l Endowment...	5,804.00	\$21,968.76
Total Endowment.....		\$71,031.10
If we add to this the Contingent Fund.....	\$ 7,324.43	
Also Real Estate valued at.....	5,900.00	\$13,224.43
We have a total Endowment.....		\$84,255.53

APPROXIMATE FINANCIAL VALUE OF THE IOWA WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY.

Endowment.....	\$84,255.53	
Building and Grounds.....	45,000.00	
Library and Apparatus.....	2,000.00	
Museum, Furniture, &c.....	3,000.00	\$134,255.53

The indebtedness reported last year has been reduced about \$400, leaving a present indebtedness of \$6,859.97.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

According to the provisions of our charter, the term of office of one class of trustees expires at this time, whose places it will become the duty of this Conference to fill. They are as follows, to-wit: W. F. Cowles, W. A. Work, Chas. Snider, J. T. Simmons, Mrs. M. Huston, and H. Ambler.

VISITORS.

The Board also adopted the following in regard to Visitors:

Resolved, By the joint Board of Trustees and Visitors of the Iowa Wesleyan University, that the Iowa Annual Conference be requested to appoint eight Visitors, and that they be divided into four classes, and that each class be assigned

a department of the examination, and be responsible for the work assigned, and that so far as practicable, the Visitors, or a majority of them, be re-appointed for four years.

I cannot close this report without urging upon the Conference the great importance of carrying on this great work which God has committed to us, until the Iowa Wesleyan University shall stand upon a solid basis, with an income sufficient to meet all necessary demands for carrying to complete success the purpose for which it was established.

Respectfully submitted,

THOS. E. CORKHILL, Secretary.

4. REPORT OF TREASURER OF CONFERENCE EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

Received the following Educational moneys from Committee on Education:

Children's Fund,	{ Receipts.....	\$ 88.85	
	{ Cash.....	44.04	
General Fund,	{ Receipts.....	94.75	
		218.96	\$446.60

S. S. MURPHY, Treasurer,
Educational Society Iowa Conf.

Burlington, Iowa, Sept. 10, 1883.

5. REPORT OF VISITORS TO I. W. U.

We, your Board of Visitors to the Iowa Wesleyan University, would make the following report:

We were present at class examinations, and at the meetings of the Joint Board of Trustees and Visitors. We were well pleased with the thoroughness and clearness manifested in the work done, and we feel gratified at the wise management of the Institution, and heartily recommend the I. W. U. to the love and patronage of all lovers of learning.

D. A. WATTERS,
S. S. MARTIN.

6. REPORT OF VISITORS TO GARRETT BIBLICAL INSTITUTE.

Your committee, appointed to visit Garrett Biblical Institute, beg leave to submit the following:

We are glad to be able to refer to the healthful condition of the Institute financially, and to report a bright outlook for its enlarged usefulness.

As to buildings, condition of grounds, library and Missionary museum, there is large room for improvement. But the work of this School of the Prophets is thorough and excellent, and the religious and social atmosphere, both of the Institution and of the community, is unusually elevated and healthful.

We would most cordially commend the Institute to our young men who are seeking preparation for the work of the Ministry.

J. C. W. COXE.
C. F. WILLIAMS.

VII. EPISCOPAL FUND.

We, the Committee on Episcopal Fund, make the following report:

Apportionment to the Conference.....	\$960 00
Amounts received from the Charges.....	817 83
Deficit.....	142 17

Making 85½ per cent paid on the claim.
JOHN W. HACKLEY, Sec'y.

E. P. MICHENER,
Chairman.

VIII. EPISCOPAL RESIDENCE.

Your Committee on Episcopal Residence would submit the following report:

1st. That we recommend that Bros. W. F. Cowles and J. S. Woolson be re-elected as Trustees of Episcopal Residence from this Conference.

2d. That J. S. Woolson be re-elected Treasurer for Conference Fund for such residence.

3d. That those Charges, which are delinquent in paying their assessments for the Episcopal Residence, be requested to raise the same before December 1, 1883, and forward the same to the Treasurer.

W. A. SWAIN, Sec'y.

T. STEPHENSON, Chairman.

IX. REPORT ON FREEDMEN'S AID.

Report of Committee on Freemen's Aid:

1. We recognize the Freedmen's Aid Society as becoming more and more important to the cause of Christ and humanity in our Nation, and note with gratitude the special Divine blessing on the work of the Society, as shown by the increased collections from the Conferences to the general fund, and to the endowment of her institutions of learning, the growing number of self-sustaining schools, the large increase of students attending these schools, and the high character of the work accomplished in all the departments of the Society.

2. The work now being done by the Society is but the beginning of that demanded at our hands in the Southern field. Over 400,000 of our members, most of them being poor and ignorant, look to the Society for the blessings of Christian education.

3. The experience of the past three years has shown the wisdom of the last General Conference in extending the work of the Society to the whites, and we believe it would be wise to so change the name and purposes of the Society as to give it supervision of our entire Southern educational work.

4. The Bishops recommend that this Society be an object of special effort and contributions during the Centennial year of 1884, and we, therefore, urge that the Church use its best efforts to raise the sum of \$250,000 asked for by this Society, as our offering to the Southern work.

5. We call the attention of the Pastors to the disciplinary requirements touching the presenting of the claims of the Society and the collection to be taken.

6. We would commend the able address of Dr. Hartzell, at our anniversary, and cordially indorse his noble efforts in behalf of the Lord's poor, white and black, in the South.

J. W. WRIGHT, Sec'y.

S. S. MURPHY, Chairman.

X. MEMOIRS.

A—REV. PETER FERREE HOLTZINGER.

Rev. Peter Ferree Holtzinger was born in Adams county, Pennsylvania, January 6th, 1816; was converted and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church in 1836; in 1840 he moved to Ohio, and in 1841 was licensed to preach. He was admitted into the Ohio Conference on trial 1843. His appointments were as follows: 1843, Union; 1844-45, Lewisburg; 1846, Troy; 1847-48, Marysville; 1849, Mechanicsburg; 1850-51, Germantown Circuits. In 1852 he was transferred to the Cincinnati Conference and appointed to Richman; 1853, Laurel Circuits; 1854, he was transferred to the Iowa Conference, where he continued to labor, as health would allow, as follows: 1854-55, Mt. Pleasant Circuit; 1856, Salem; 1857, Fairfield; 1858-59, Marshall; 1860-61, Crawfordsville; 1862, Libertyville; 1863-64, Glasgow; 1865-66-67 he sustained a superannuated relation; he was made effective after three years rest, and in 1868-9 labored on Oakland Circuit; at the close of his pastorate on this charge he was again compelled to ask a superannuated relation, but in 1871 was made effective and sent to Canaan; 1872, Glendale; 1873 he retired to the superannuated list for the third time. In 1876 he was again made effective and sent to West Point, where he remained two years; 1878-79, Troy; 1880-1, Winchester. Notwithstanding his devotion to the cause of the Master, and his love for the ministry that led him to say with positive emphasis,

"His only righteousness I show,
His saving truth proclaim:
'Tis all my business here below
To cry, Behold the Lamb!

"Happy, if with my latest breath,
I may but gasp His name;
Preach Him to all, and cry in death,
Behold, behold the Lamb!"

Through failing health he was compelled, for the fourth time, to ask a superannuated relation, which he sustained until his release from pain and labor. He had removed to Omaha, Nebraska, where, from the residence of his son-in-law, A. B. Bryant, he quietly and peacefully passed from earth to the privileges of the Church triumphant, May 20th, 1883. Brother Holtzinger was a profitable Preacher; his exposition of the Word was clear and impressive; he was too retiring to take an active part in public deliberations, but in the pulpit he spoke with confidence and authority, advocating the cause of truth with such clearness as to convince the thoughtful, and fearlessness, as to cause its rejectors to tremble.

He was an industrious Christian gentleman and a faithful Pastor. While he did not blaze in the pulpit, in his intercourse with the members of his charge, and even in his social relations with the world, he let his light so shine that men saw his good works, and not only respected him for his works' sake, but doubtless many, through his upright living, were brought to embrace the truth. He was ever true to his convictions.

In his home life he was as even and consistent as in his ministerial relations. In 1843 he was married to Miss Mary Ann Housel, who still survives him. As a husband and father he was gentle and affectionate; as a member of society scrupulously honest; as a Minister he was profitable, as a pastor faithful.

The fragrance of his memory will long survive him.

GEORGE N. POWER.

B—MRS. ELMIRA R. B. ALLENDER.

Elmira, wife of Rev. R. B. Allender, was born August 16, 1820, in Wells Valley, Bedford county, Pennsylvania, and died at her home in Bloomfield, Iowa, April 7, 1883.

She was the youngest daughter of Joseph and Sytha Frazey; was converted and joined the M. E. Church in early childhood, and early taught to love old-fashioned Methodism, which in Jesus Christ was her joy and crown for more than fifty years.

She was married to her now bereaved husband, July 6th, 1839, and on the 10th of the following October, bade adieu to her kindred and the home of her childhood, and with her husband emigrated to the then Territory of Iowa, in which she has ever since resided.

On arriving at their new home, they built a log cabin northeast of Fairfield, Jefferson county, and at once proceeded to organize a society, and formed a class of eleven members, Brother Allender being appointed leader, and Sister Allender being one of its most efficient workers, and their cabin constituting the house of worship, which, for several years, was the regular preaching place for that neighborhood.

When her husband was thrust out into the itinerant ministry, most cheerfully did she surrender the comforts of her now comfortable and pleasant home, that she might assist her husband in winning souls to Christ. Only those who knew her best in these labors of love can fully appreciate her value as a laborer in God's vineyard. Of her it might be truthfully said:

She "tried each art, reproved each dull delay,
Allured to brighter worlds and led the way."

She was eminently successful in instructing penitents in the way to Christ, and many doubtless will rise to call her blessed, as being the instrument in leading them to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.

For five weary years she was a suffering invalid, yet through all these years of affliction she endured as seeing Him who is invisible, and as believing that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which is in store for the faithful. Her toils and sorrows are ended. Her record is in Heaven. She has left the Church militant and has joined the Church triumphant.

She leaves her husband and five children for a time to mourn her departure; but their loss is her gain, and her earnest hope was that they may all join her in the sweet by and by. She has fought the good fight, finished her course, and kept the faith, obtained the crown. Home at last, a dutiful and faithful wife, an affectionate, loving mother, and a diligent and successful Christian laborer.

THOMAS E. CORKHILL.

XI. PERIODICALS.

We are highly pleased with the rapid increase in the circulation of our periodical literature, and will, in the future, co-operate more earnestly with the book agents and editors in their efforts to furnish our people with safe reading matter.

We heartily endorse the official labors of Dr. Fry, editor of the *Central Christian Advocate*, and will endeavor to place a copy of the *Central* in every Methodist family in the Iowa Conference.

J. C. KENDRICK, Sec'y.

XII. PERNICIOUS LITERATURE.

WHEREAS, The wide-spread and enormous circulation, among the children and youth of our State, of a class of sensational papers, filled with tales of degraded love and desperate adventure, is penetrating society with an insidious and deadly poison, defiling the mind and debasing the whole being, by familiarity with crimes of lust and blood; therefore,

Resolved, That the publication and sale of such papers as the *Police Gazette*, *Saturday Night*, *Day's Doings*, *The Fire Side Companion*, &c., is a crime against innocence and purity, which cries to Heaven for vengeance—an evil which, like intemperance, is the fruitful source of all sorts of crime; a crime which ought to call forth a crusade of prayer and a war of extermination no less deeply, earnest and determined than that which Christian women and good citizens generally are so nobly waging against the saloon for the defense of the home.

Resolved, Second. That since the Gospel and the civil law ought to go hand in hand in protecting society from crimes against public morals, and since a movement is on foot to memorialize the next legislature to pass a law to suppress the sale of the class of publications referred to, we, as a Conference, earnestly unite in praying the Honorable General Assembly thus to protect the youth of our commonwealth.

Resolved, Third. That we earnestly request the other Conferences of Iowa to unite with us in this effort for the suppression of pernicious literature.

Resolved, Fourth. That Rev. T. E. Corkhill and Rev. I. P. Teter be and are hereby constituted a committee to bring this matter before the other Conferences, and to present this memorial to the General Assembly.

C. F. WILLIAMS,
D. MURPHY,
S. S. MURPHY,
W. F. COWLES,
J. W. McDONALD,
J. C. W. COXE,
E. L. SCHREINER,
JOHN HAYNES,
J. T. SIMMONS.

XIII. SABBATH OBSERVANCE.

We recognize the Sabbath as a Divine institution, appointed as a day of rest from secular toil, to be devoted to moral and spiritual improvement, and absolutely necessary to the maintainance and spread of Christianity.

We look with alarm upon the increasing desecration of the day in the Sunday trains, Sunday newspapers, and the many ways in which it is being used as a day of mere pleasure-seeking, instead of a day of worship.

We pledge our aid to promote the proper observance of this holy day by our example, pulpits, literature, and also by seeking healthful legal enactments.

D. C. BEVAN, Sec'y.

XIV. STATE OF THE CHURCH.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE STATE OF THE CHURCH.

Your Committee on the State of the Church respectfully submits the following report:

First. While we cannot report the highest degree of prosperity, we rejoice in the large measure of success that the Church has achieved within the bounds of our Conference during the past year.

Second. Our literature has had a greatly increased circulation in our Sunday Schools, and in the homes of our people, increasing their intelligence, and bringing them into more hearty sympathy with the work of the Church.

Yet we believe that greater things will have to be accomplished in this direction before even a majority of our people shall be brought intelligently to co-operate with us in our Church enterprises.

Third. We believe that as a Church we ought to speak out more definitely against the prevailing sins of this generation, and especially against the sin of intemperance.

We ought to teach that no Christian, either by voice or vote, can consistently aid the liquor traffic, or any other vicious enterprise, either social or commercial.

Fourth. We are convinced that we will never have the greatest possible success in building up the Church till all our people shall be brought to see that questionable social amusements—especially those forbidden in the discipline—are abandoned; and we hope the time will soon come when dancing, card playing, theatre going and the circus will be shunned by all our people as they now shun profanity and drunkenness.

Fifth. Believing as we do that the work of the ministry is a high and holy calling, and so recognized by our people, it behooves the ministry to keep itself unspotted from the world; and hence we can only look with disapproval on the disposition manifested by too many of our brethren in the ministry to turn aside and engage in speculations which may have to do with fictitious values, thus bringing humiliation and disgrace upon the Church.

Signed by order of the committee,

WM. E. PATTERSON, Secretary.

XV. STATE OF THE COUNTRY.

Your Committee on the State of the Country would respectfully report:

That, as a Conference, we look with approval upon the efforts now being made for Civil Service Reform, for the suppression of polygamy, for the total prohibition of the traffic in intoxicating drinks, for the suppression of corrupt literature, for bringing our foreign-born population under American and Christian influences, and that more vigorous efforts in all these directions are much to be desired.

That we deprecate the spirit of lawlessness which expresses itself in mob violence, now so rife in some parts of the country, and suggest that our courts of justice would do well to vindicate the law by more prompt and efficient dealing with criminals.

That we deprecate the state of political corruption now prevalent in elections, and would exhort all of our people to abstain from participation in any such schemes.

That we rejoice in the attitude of the Christian Church to all the moral questions of the day that have been distinctive in American politics, has been so wholly on the side of right as to compel the recognition and respect of all good men; and we earnestly trust that in the future, as in the past, she will not be intimidated by the cry that the Church must not meddle in politics.

That we recommend our people, in all questions of moral reform, to make it a part of their religion to pray and act and vote for the triumph of the right.

W. H. H. PILLSBURY, Sec'y.

M. BAMFORD, Chairman.

XVI. STEWARD'S REPORT.

QUESTION: What are the claims upon the Conference fund?

ANSWER: Of effective Preachers and Supernumeraries, nothing; of Superannuates, widows and orphans, \$2,000.

QUESTION: What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been appropriated?

ANSWER 1: From the charges, \$1,321.00; from chartered fund, \$30.00; from Book Concern, \$163.00; from sale of Bro. Burgess' books, \$1.00. Total, \$1,510.00.

ANSWER 2: Distributed by order of the Conference as follows:

SUPERANNUATES.

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS.	AMOUNTS	BY WHOM TAKEN.
R. S. Robinson.....	\$110 00	Self.
R. B. Allender.....	75 00	Self.
Jos. McDowell.....	85 00	Self.
T. M. Kirkpatrick.....	75 00	Self.
L. C. Woodford.....	65 00	J. B. Hill.
A. W. Johnson.....	75 00	Self.
J. B. Hardy.....	60 00	Self.
J. T. Coleman.....	60 00	Sister Coleman.
Jos. Gasner.....	40 00	Self.
Total.....	\$645 00	

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS.

NAMES OF CLAIMANTS.	AMOUNTS	BY WHOM TAKEN.
Mrs. Holland.....	\$75 00	Geo. Haw.
Mrs. Harris	80 00	Secretary.
Mrs. Worthington	80 00	Blakeney.
Mrs. Bamford	75 00	Bamford.
Mrs. Prather.....	75 00	Pike.
Mrs. Wheeler.....	80 00	Blakeney.
Mrs. Latham.....	80 00	Blakeney.
Mrs. Coddington.....	60 00	Blakeney.
Mrs. Donaldson.....	64 00	H. H. Barton.
Mrs. Friend.....	70 00	Miller.
Mrs. Boyles	60 00	Wycoff.
Mrs. Hare.....	15 00	Blakeney.
Mrs. Coiner.....	15 00	Blakeney.
Mrs. Stewart.....	15 00	Blakeney.
Mrs. Clark.....	15 00	Geo. Clark.
Mrs. Wayman.....	2 50	McClintock.
Mrs. Simpson's children	3 50	Blakeney.
Total	\$865 00	

JNO. W. WRIGHT, Sec'y.

J. B. HILL, Chairman.

XVII. TEMPERANCE.

WHEREAS, We recognize the Liquor Traffic as a great wrong, destructive alike to the welfare of the home, of society, and of the state, and also as the great obstacle of the age to the progress of the Church and of the best civilization; and,

WHEREAS, The amendment to the constitution of the State of Iowa, prohibiting the manufacture, sale and use of all intoxicating drinks, carried by a majority of nearly thirty thousand, at a non-partisan election, held in June, 1882, has been set aside by the Supreme Court of the State; and,

WHEREAS, The same subject is again before the people of our State in a somewhat different form; therefore,

Resolved, That we, as members of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, will use our influence in public and in private to carry to a successful issue what we believe to be the will of so large a number of the citizens of our commonwealth, and what is so essential to the well being of society,

Resolved, That the temperance cause lies so near the welfare of our homes and churches, that we will not be intimidated by the cry of "meddling in politics" raised by the rum power and their apologists.

H. E. WING.
T. E. CORKHILL.
J. B. BLAKENEY.
I. O. KEMBLE.

XVIII. TOBACCO.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON TOBACCO.

WHEREAS, The use of tobacco is a useless, filthy, wasteful, and therefore, we believe, a sinful habit; and

WHEREAS, It is a hindrance to the purity of both men and women, and very offensive to refined Christian character; and,

WHEREAS, The ministry should set an example of purity, refinement and piety before all men; therefore,

Resolved, That we will continue to use all proper means in our power, and give ourselves no rest, until we eradicate the use of tobacco entirely from the ministry of the church, and also by kind, earnest Christian effort cease not until we rid all our membership of this most filthy habit.

S. H. THOMAS, Sec'y.

W. I. MILLER, President.

XIX. TRACTS.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TRACTS.

WHEREAS, We permitted the Tract Society to suffer a decrease last year of over \$70, and also a decrease this year; and,

WHEREAS, The society is entirely worthy of our sympathy and support; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we urge all our Pastors to present and explain the tract interest to their people, and encourage them to purchase and circulate the tracts.

2d. That we call special notice to the "Little Picture Stories," "The Memory Series," "The Pocket Series," and the "Home College Series," as entitled to our special consideration, and to that of all officers and teachers of our Sunday Schools.

C. R. NORTON, Sec'y.

J. A. BOATMAN, Chairman.

XX. TRUSTEES.

To the Annual Conference, in session at Burlington, Iowa:

As Treasurer of the Special Fund, called the Iowa Conference Relief Fund, I beg leave to submit the following report:

1882.

Sept. 1. I had on hand.....\$127 05

1883.

Sept. 1. Interest on Fund to date.....\$ 11 55 \$138 60

I have paid out on the order of the Chairman of the Conference Board of Stewards as follows:

1882.

Sept. 14. To Rev. A. W. Johnson.....\$ 10 00

Sept. 14. To Rev. W. G. Wilson.....1 55

Now on hand.....127 05 \$138 60

I also have on hand the following notes:

One note on W. R. Fisk—due on principal.....	\$4 00
One note on John W. Shaw—due on principal.....	5 00
One note on Jos. Hutchinson—due on principal.....	5 00

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE HAW, Treasurer.

XXI. WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Resolved, 1st. That we are in hearty sympathy with, and earnestly desire the success of, the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, as one of the most efficient agents in diffusing the light of the Gospel in heathen lands.

2d. That we rejoice in the success of this organization in the past; and we will encourage and aid, in all proper ways in our charges, its work in the future, believing it to be an efficient agency in promoting the spirit of benevolence among our people.

3d. And would commend the systematic and efficient manner of operation adopted by the workers in executing their grand purposes of elevation and salvation of the heathen.

J. L. KING, Sec'y.

I. N. BUSBY,
President.

XXII. WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

Your committee finds that the aim of this society is to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the improvement of homes and the elevation of the ignorant and degraded inmates, in the mission sections of our own land.

We find that the plan of the Society is to send into these neglected and destitute regions Christian women, to teach in schools where such can be collected, and also to give religious instruction by going into the homes of the needy.

We find that the movers of this Society are pursuing their work zealously, and as rapidly as possible.

We also find that they are acting in harmony with the recommendation of the General Conference, and are receiving the sympathy of the Bishops and Officers of the Missionary Society; therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That we heartily indorse the organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, as auxiliary to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Resolved, 2d. That we recognize in the destitution of our frontier settlements, in the influx of foreign immigration, in the duties we owe to the aborigines, in the abominations of Mormonism, and in the ignorance of Southern freedwoman, an ample field, and the exceeding necessity for this branch of benevolent enterprise.

Resolved, 3d. That we use our influence and opportunities, as Pastors, to sanction and advance the interests of this cause.

Resolved, 4th. That we recommend the organization, as soon as practicable, of a Conference Society to be auxiliary to the General Society, and to secure that object the appointment of a Corresponding Secretary for the Conference, and a District Secretary in each Presiding Elder's District.

We submit the names of the following ladies:

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY.

MISS PHOEBE ELLIOTT.....Conference.

DISTRICT SECRETARIES.

MRS. M. E. HUSTON.....Burlington District.

MRS. J. B. BLAKENEY.....Mt. Pleasant District.

MISS BELLE MARLOW.....Keokuk District.

MRS. E. J. WRIGHT.....Oskaloosa District.

MRS. — HURD.....Muscatine District.

MRS. J. B. BONNEFIELD.....Ottumwa District.

Resolved, That we recommend that the Iowa Conference raise \$100.00 to constitute Bishop Simpson an Honorary Manager of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

F. R. HOLCOMB.

W. H. H. PILLSBURY.

J. F. ROBERTSON,

S. S. MARTIN,

J. L. KING,

A. V. KENDRICK.

STATISTICAL TABLES.

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 1—BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								
	Probation- ers.	Full Members.	L. Preach- ers	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Building Improving.	Old Debts Paid.	Present Debts.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sch Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Other Collections	
Burlington—First..	2	426	2	2	4	10	1	\$2000	1	\$1000	\$300			1	55	463	\$253 93	\$50 00	\$4 50	\$5 00	\$50 00	\$45 00	103 45	\$8 34	
Burlington South..	13	119		2	1	2	1	15 0	1	1500		\$40	500	1	14	164	40 00				10 00		10 00		
Burlington Circuit.		104		1			2½	2400						4	27	170	46 05	3 00			3 00				
Ainsworth.....		127		1	6	1	2	3500	1	600	1000			2	28	147	6 50	6 00		2 00	3 00	2 00	1 00	19 00	
Canaan.....	4	130	1	1		2	2	2500						5	25	180					22 50				
Columbus Junction	2	75			2	1	3	2500			150	50		2	13	55									
Danville.....	2	164		1	3	4	3	1000	1	1400	1200		120	2	22	175	54 00	2 00			3 00				
Fort Madison.....	15	73		2	11	2	2	2000	1	1000				1	12	110	42 20	5 00	50	50	5 00			30 00	
Kossuth.....	1	170		5		2	2	3300	2	1700	43			3	26	232	58 00	13 00			10 00				
Mediapolis.....	17	132		2		1	1	2500	1	1000	30	149	642	1	17	175	25 00	4 00			2 10	4 12			
Morning Sun.....	3	140		1			2½	2200						3	32	190	6 25	25					3 00		
Mt. Pleasant Cir..	8	174	1	4		1	4	6100			10			4	36	228	51 90	5 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	2 00	24 80	200 00	
New London.....	7	161		1	2	22	2	1000	1	1000				2	23	93	25 00	5 00			10 00	2 50		15 00	
Sperry.....	37	165			3	3	3	2500			55			3	25	133	17 45								
Wapello.....		70	1	1	1	2	3	6000			50			3	18	140		1 00	50	50	1 00				
Maryland.....	5	194	2	2	1		4	3600	2	1100	200			3	36	250	40 00	1 00			2 00	2 00	1 00		
West Point.....	15	139	2	2		10	3	3400	1	350	50			3	24	170									
Winfield.....	4	244	1	4	6	4	3	4400	1	800	80	20	500	4	36	240	19 30	9 00			10 00	4 00			
Total.....	135	2807	10	32	40	67	42½	\$70400	13	\$14450	\$3168	\$259	1762	47	469	3315	\$685 58	104 25	\$7 50	\$13 00	136 60	\$61 62	143 25	\$272 34	

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Keokuk--Chatham..	2	185	1	3	2	2	1	\$12000	1	\$4500	\$172	\$10	\$...	1	22	155	\$54 05	\$25 00	\$4 00	\$5 00	\$60 00	\$4 00	\$16 30	\$...
Keokuk--First Ch	43	214		1	3	19	1	6500						1	33	217		7 00		1 50	3 00	7 00		
Bentonsport.....	11	168	4	3			5	5600	1	600		85		5	33	330	5 28	1 00	1 00					
Birmingham.....	7	173		1	4		4	7000	2	1000	145			4	32	155	5 45		1 50			3 00	50	
Bloomfield.....	8	187	4	1	5		1	1500	1	2000	70			1	17	175	48 60	6 00	2 00	2 00	8 00	15 50	2 00	
Cincinnati.....	20	285	1	4		20	5	6600	1	700	567		85	4	43	247	50 81							
Drakeville.....	2	140		3		2	2	2600	1	600	30		40	1	16	100		2 00			2 00			35 00
Farmington.....	5	104	1	1	1	2	3	3500	1	1200			165	4	32	217	14 73	1 15	86	60	2 10	11 80	2 25	
Keosauqua.....	3	192	1	3	1	1	1	5500	1	2000	1000		500	1	15	155	60 65	50	75	50	75	2 00	70	
Keosauqua Circuit.	10	107		2		2	4	4200						5	40	166		3 17					3 16	
Lebanon.....	6	178	1	3			5	4000	1	600	100			4	26	200	8 48	50	50	3 00	1 00			
Milton.....	6	262	3	2			3	5000	1	900	50		190	2	34	225	57 95	1 00	50	50	1 00	3 00		
Montrose.....	3	80	1	3	8	2	2	1600	1	500	150			2	16	125	15 00							
Moulton.....	61	262	2	1		2	2	2600	1	550	38	63		1	16	110						7 15		40 00
Pulaski.....	15	275	2	6			4	5500	1	700				4	33	223	21 60	20	35	80	35			2 50
Selma.....	5	171	4	1	1	11	4	5000	1	800	50			4	35	200	48 08	2 00			2 00	1 00		
Troy.....	1	170	1	1	1	5	3	2500	1	350	75			3	25	150	7 00	50	50	10 00	50	50		
Total.....	208	3153	26	39	26	73	50	\$12000	16	\$17000	\$2447	1148	980	47	468	3180	\$97 68	\$0 02	\$11 90	\$23 90	\$80 70	\$54 95	\$34 91	\$77 50

STATISTICAL REPORT NO. 1—MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.								
	Probation- ers.	Full Members.	L. Preach's	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Building & Improving.	Old Debts Paid.	Present Debts.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sch Unlon.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Other Collections	
Mt. Pleasant—First	9	438	7	4	6	11	2	\$ 1300	1	\$4000				2	26	250	\$176 10	\$25 00	\$2 00	\$3 00	\$25 00	\$25 88	\$28 00	\$82 25	
Abingdon.....	5	26	2	1	2	21	2	1500			\$ 125			2	24	130	4 48	1 34	1 96	4 00	3 24				
Agency City.....	12	280	2		2	3	2	1200		600	2500			2	30	208	41 00	1 00	1 50	50	3 00			75 00	
Batavia.....	12	170	2	3	2	17	4	3500	1	500	120			4	30	200	7 00		1 20	1 00	2 00	1 00			
Brighton.....		151	2	2			4	5000	1	600	150			4	32	160	29 81	8 00			6 00	10 00		10 00	
Fairfield.....	2	202	3	1			1	1700			87		5031	1	25	214	48 00	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 00	2 00			
Fairfield Circuit...	3	112	1	1			4	1800	1	150	40			4	31	205	9 50	5 90			6 35	2 00			
Hillsboro.....		121	1		4	16	3	5150						2	16	127	1 00			1 00					
Keota.....	2	160		4	12	20	4	4500			100	950		3	30	250	9 50	9 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	6 00	2 00		
Lexington.....		147	1	3	1	1	6	8500	1	750				6	42	223	75 00	12 00	1 00	5 00	17 00	10 00	4 00		
Martinsburg.....	4	124	1	1	1		3	3000	1	400				3	26	160	10 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00	1 00			
Richland.....	24	176	1	3	1	20	4	4600	1	1000	40			3	25	275					5 00				
Salem.....	8	95	1	4		22	3	3000	1	400	25			3	25	225									
Signorney.....	8	112				1	1	1200	1	600	140			1	17	131	23 20	5 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	2 25	5 37		
Signorney Circuit..		23		2		1	1	200						3	24										
Washington.....	4	260				4	1	6000	1	1500	150			1	26	130	54 50	21 00	5 00	5 00	14 00	20 00	12 00		
Webster.....	1	158		2		3	3	3200	1	350	97			3	28	187	8 00	10 60	2 73	3 75	5 30	5 00	6 82		
Total.....	94	2757	24	31	32	139	48	\$67050	12	\$10850	\$3574	950	5031	49	457	3245	\$497 09	103 34	\$18 39	\$28 25	\$98 89	\$85 13	\$58 54	\$167 00	

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

Muscataine—First...	14	347	3	5	11	23	1	\$ 3000			\$233			1	37	411	\$221 91	\$18 00	\$5 50	\$6 00	\$15 00	\$21 00	\$17 00	\$225 00
Muscataine Circuit..		240	1	4	4	2	4	8000			175			4	59	316	65 65	8 00	1 00	1 00	6 00	22 00	1 00	
Blue Grass.....	13	87		1	2	11	3	5000	1	\$500		20		2	20	175		1 00		1 15	2 00		2 45	
Kosta.....	6	145		1		2	4	5000	1	500	200			4	44	200	43 50	3 00		1 00	10 00	2 00	5 40	
Lettsville.....	1	155	2	2			3	7300	1	1200	20			3	29	192		1 00	25	1 00	50	25	8 60	
Lone Tree.....		115		1	16	1	3	5400	1	750	10			4	26	200	44 60	75		1 50				
Marengo.....	14	182		2			1	3500	1	2000				1	20	251	54 05	5 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	3 16		
Millersburg.....	1	185		2	6	6	2	2800	1	800	35			4	25	210		1 00	50	50	3 00	50		
Oxford.....	6	116	1	2	1		1	4000	1	1200	20	215		1	12	80	50 60	10 00	1 00	3 50	7 00	1 00		
Pleasant Hill.....	4	105		1			4	5500	1	1000	30			5	59	239		1 00			1 50	50	50	
Riverside.....	2	175					4	7800	1	1400	15			3	32	145	10 75	5 00			3 00	3 00		
Sweetland Center..	8	171		3		3	3	6000	1	1200	200			3	42	170	41 82	4 00	1 00	1 00	5 00	3 50	1 00	5 00
Tiffin.....	2	76		4			3	6150	1	700	175			1	16	75	45 75	2 00			2 00			10 00
Victor.....	7	188	1	2	34	32	2	4400	1	1000	40			2	23	190	41 25	4 00	2 00	2 00	4 00	2 00	2 75	6 90
West Liberty.....	5	125					1	7000	1	1500		1300		1	12	85	25 00	10 00	1 00	2 00	5 00	1 25	1 00	
What Cheer.....	7	259			10	8	4	8500	1	700	100	645		5	32	330		2 78	1 00	2 00	3 30	1 10		
Williamsburg.....	1	70					2	2000	1	650	10			3	28	160		1 00	25	50	1 25	25	6 00	
Wilton.....	15	195		14	11	14	1	4500	1	2000	80			1	22	235	103 00	15 00	1 00	2 00	10 00	15 00	50	20 00
Total.....	106	2934	17	44	95	109	46	123850	16	\$17050	\$1349	215	1965	48	542	3658	\$746 68	\$92 53	\$15 75	\$25 40	\$83 05	\$76 76	\$46 85	\$275 50

STATISTICAL REPORT No. 1—OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE IOWA CONFERENCE.

CIRCUITS —AND— STATIONS.	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM		CHURCH PROPERTY.						SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Probation- ers.	Full Members.	L. Preach's	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Building & Improving.	Old Debts Paid.	Present Debts.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sch Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Other Collections	
Oskaloosa—F'tst Ch	1	149	..	2	1	1	1	\$ 6000	\$ 300	1	15	80	\$ 15 25	\$ 1 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50
Oskaloosa—Simp..	12	195	1	1	4	2	1	2200	..	.....	117	.....	.....	1	20	95	12 50	5 00	50	2 50	1 00	50	.....	.....
Beacon	8	124	9	..	7	4	3	4800	1	\$ 900	700	.....	.....	2	34	215	.....	1 50	.....	1 25	1 50	.....	.....	\$ 18 00
Brooklyn	1	239	..	1	..	..	1	12000	1	2000	.....	.....	1250	1	15	158	49 15	5 50	1 50	2 75	3 25	6 25	37 45	100 00
Brooklyn Circuit..	2	87	1	..	1	..	2	3000	..	.....	1650	.....	.....	1	10	80	2 66	.....	.....	50	1 40	.....	14 25	.....
Chester	3	98	1	2	2	2	2	5300	1	1500	91	36	104	2	23	100	26 05	6 00	2 50	3 00	6 00	6 00	6 50	.....
Eddyville .....	..	45	1	2	3	3	1	2000	..	.....	10	26	.....	1	10	80	.....	75	.....	.....	25	.....	.....	.....
Granville	6	188	..	2	..	..	4	3750	1	150	75	.....	.....	5	32	180	.....	1 20	1 00	2 00	1 00	2 00	.....	.....
Grinnell	17	172	..	1	7	1	1	5000	1	3600	284	.....	.....	1	16	140	49 00	4 00	2 00	2 00	10 00	15 00	25 00	28 90
Kellogg	10	106	2	..	..	2	2	3400	1	400	30	21	.....	3	32	120	.....	6 25	1 00	1 25	6 80	4 28	.....	.....
Lynnville .....	..	..	1	..	..	..	3	5000	1	400	25	.....	400	2	23	150	.....	1 00	50	50	50	50	15 40	.....
Montezuma	2	175	1	2	8	4	1	3300	1	900	7	.....	.....	1	16	160	53 39	10 00	6 00	8 00	11 00	15 00	41 00	16 00
Montezuma Circuit	36	240	..	4	2	19	4	10000	..	.....	2000	15	.....	4	45	300	.....	1 00	.....	.....	1 00	1 00	30 00	.....
New Sharon	6	195	1	1	1	23	3	6600	1	850	150	.....	.....	3	30	253	30 25	2 00	35	5 00	3 00	4 50	.....	.....
Newton	2	197	..	4	..	..	2	11000	..	.....	2000	2100	.....	1	19	160	42 50	3 00	50	50	4 00	1 00	26 75	.....
Newton Circuit	9	218	1	3	2	16	4	5500	1	600	60	300	.....	4	46	234	66 15	11 00	2 00	3 00	6 00	1 00	10 00	.....
North Newton Cir.	..	55	..	1	6	..	1	1600	..	.....	145	.....	36	4	30	219	.....	1 19	1 12	64	4 00	39	8 70	2 12
Otley	1	80	2	..	..	8	3	3600	..	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	9	50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Pella .....	..	66	1	2	2	5	1	1800	1	1000	.....	60	160	1	18	132	53 25	2 00	.....	50	1 00	2 00	3 50	.....
Rose Hill	9	201	1	1	..	..	4	4400	1	700	.....	.....	.....	2	20	150	19 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Wesley Chapel Cir.	11	93	1	1	..	20	2	1500	..	.....	125	.....	114	2	22	175	11 25	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	136	2923	24	30	46	110	46	101650	12	13200	3769	4443	5079	43	485	3231	430 65	62 89	19 47	32 64	61 95	61 42	219 30	164 12	

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Ottumwa—First Ch	2	317	2	4	...	2	1	\$ 33500	1	\$ 2500	\$ 430	....	2000	1	25	430	\$ 15 80	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 1 00	\$ 3 75	\$ 10 00	....	....
Ottumwa—Main St	3	153	2	2	...	3	1	10000	..	....	40	....	....	1	15	203	27 50	3 00	2 00	2 00	8 00	5 00	....	....
Ottumwa Circuit..	...	93	1	1	...	...	1	800	....	....	....	....	....	1	6	35	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Albia	15	268	3	...	1	11	1	6000	1	2000	100	....	200	1	18	227	90 00	5 00	50	50	6 00	15 00	\$ 1 00	....
Albia Circuit.....	5	159	1	6	...	...	4	3700	1	200	....	....	....	4	40	205	....	5 00	....	....	2 00	....	....	....
Attica	1	255	1	1	...	8	4	5600	1	600	10	....	....	4	40	190	1 00	5 00	....	....	5 00	....	....	\$ 10 00
Cedar	14	287	2	2	3	...	4	3900	1	1400	2083	....	431	4	40	274	25 00	4 00	1 00	2 00	2 00	2 00	1 00	24 00
Centerville	5	254	2	2	2	...	1	8000	1	900	45	....	....	1	18	220	....	2 00	....	....	2 00	....	....	....
Chillicothe	4	201	1	4	1	...	3	3000	....	....	25	24	....	4	38	230	....	2 00	1 00	1 00	4 00	3 00	....	5 00
Durham	10	318	2	3	...	11	5	6200	1	700	50	....	200	5	49	340	29 10	3 00	1 00	1 00	2 25	10 00	1 00	....
Kirkville.....	5	192	2	4	...	...	2	6000	1	1000	....	....	120	2	25	175	8 24	10 00	50	12 00	5 00	50	....	....
Knoxville	9	268	5	2	...	...	1	8000	....	....	...	810	....	1	26	200	69 75	15 00	1 50	1 50	15 00	12 00	5 25	20 00
Lovilla	3	132	2	3	...	5	4	5500	....	....	150	....	....	4	27	203	....	1 10	....	....	...	2 50	....	....
Marysville	1	162	1	1	...	...	4	4500	1	350	....	....	....	4	25	250	....	50	....	....	25	1 00	....	10 00
Melrose .....	...	125	1	2	...	1	2	2000	....	....	...	...	...	3	30	200	2 72	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Plano	1	99	1	1	...	11	4	4000	....	....	...	258	160	2	13	50	10	10	10	10	10	10	50	....
Unionville	17	276	...	2	13	26	5	3500	1	500	200	....	....	5	36	240	....	8 00	....	....	3 00	....	....	....
Total	95	3550	29	40	30	78	47	113200	10	10150	3123	1092	3111	47	471	3073	209 21	54 70	8 60	9 60	15 25	15 60	15 30	69 02

STATISTICAL REPORT No. 1.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS	MEMBERSHIP.				BAPTISM		CHURCH PROPERTY.							SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.									
	Probation- ers.	Full Members.	L. Preach's	Deaths.	Children.	Adults.	Churches.	Probable Value.	Parsonages	Probable Value.	Building & Improving.	Old Debts Paid.	Present Debts.	Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	Scholars of all ages.	Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.	Board of Church Extension.	Tract Society.	Sunday Sch Union.	Freedmen's Aid Society.	Education.	American Bible Society.	Other Collections		
BURLINGTON.....	135	2807	10	32	40	67	42½	\$70400	13	\$14450	\$ 3168	\$259	\$1762	47	469	3315	\$ 685 58	\$104 25	\$ 7 50	\$13 00	136 60	\$61 62	143 25	\$ 272 34		
KEOKUK.....	208	3153	26	39	26	73	50	81200	16	17000	2407	1148	980	47	468	3150	397 68	50 02	11 96	23 90	80 70	54 95	24 91	77 50		
MT PLEASANT.....	94	2757	24	31	32	139	48	67050	12	10850	3574	950	5031	49	457	3245	497 09	103 34	18 39	23 25	98 89	85 13	58 44	167 00		
MUSCATINE.....	109	2924	17	44	95	109	46	123850	16	17050	1349	215	1965	48	542	3658	746 68	92 53	15 75	25 40	83 05	76 76	46 85	275 50		
OSKALOOSA.....	136	2923	24	30	46	110	46	101650	12	13200	2769	4443	5079	43	485	3231	430 65	62 89	19 47	32 64	61 95	61 42	219 30	164 12		
OTTUMWA.....	95	3559	29	40	20	78	47	113200	10	10150	3133	1092	3111	47	471	3672	269 21	54 70	8 60	9 60	65 35	65 60	9 25	69 00		
Total this year...	774	18133	130	216	259	576	279½	557350	79	82700	16400	8107	17928	281	2892	20271	3026 89	467 73	81 67	132 79	526 54	405 48	502 00	1025 46		
Total last year...	872	18425	136	230	199	631	274	561600	79	80300	35006	6266	.....	276	2884	19826	4035 55	515 35	81 55	128 31	454 36	410 37	521 04	2089 83	
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	60	.....	5	.....	.....	2394	.....	1841	.....	5	8	445	.....	.....	12	4 48	72 18	.....	.....	.....
Decrease.....	98	291	6	4	.....	55	.....	4250	.....	.....	18606	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1008 66	47 62	.....	.....	4 89	19 04	1064 37	

STATISTICAL REPORT No. 2—OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.	PROBATIONERS.						MEMBERS.						MINISTERIAL SUPPORT.			PRESIDING ELDERS.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.			
	Roll at last Conference.	Removed by Cer.	Removed without Cer.	Withdrawn, Exp'd, Unk'n.	Deaths.	Rec'd into full connection	Roll at end of this year.	Received by Cer.	Rec'd from Prob'at'n.	Removed by Cer.	Removed without Cer.	Withdrawn, Exp'd, Unk'n.	Deaths.	Known at end of year.	Pastor's Claim.	Pastor's Receipts.	Deficiency.	Amount Appor't'd.	Amount Paid.	Amount Appor't'd.	Amount Paid.	Amount Appor't'd.	Amount Paid.
Oskaloosa—First...	1						1	5	4	12		10	2	149	\$1257	\$1150	\$107	\$ 95	\$ 95	\$12 00	\$12 00	\$ 40	\$ 5 00
Oskaloosa—Simp...	2			9		4	12	30	4	11	12	4	1	195	1010	1010		70	70	9 00	9 00		10 00
Beacon.....	1			9		7	8	23	7	20	9	1		124	800	800		55	55	7 00	7 00	20	13 00
Brooklyn.....	3	1	1				1	9		30	10		1	239	1200	1200		105	105	14 00	14 00	45	14 00
Brooklyn Circuit..										13				89	600	350	250	60	60	7 00	5 00		7 00
Chester.....	7					6	3	5	6	14			2	98	780	780		65	65	8 00	8 00	25	32 00
Eddyville.....	1					1		3	1	10	11	9	2	45	548	257	291	32	23	4 00	2 00	8	2 00
Granville.....	14					2	6	7	2	4	1	3	2	158	624	479	145	75	60	10 00	5 00		3 00
Grinnell.....	24			2		5	17	13	5	16	17		1	172	1400	1400		65	65	9 00	9 00		
Kellogg.....	125	17	2			3		15	3	17	2			106	660	660		65	65	9 00	9 00	25	15 00
Lynnville.....								15		30	2	10		125	700	625	75	65	56	7 00	6 00		12 00
Montezuma.....	15			3		10	2	11	10	13	1		2	175	920	920		70	70	10 00	10 00	25	27 00
Montezuma Circuit	2	1	3	5	2	21	12	7	21	10	4	5	1	230	600	600		60	60	8 00	8 00	25	10 00
New Sharon.....	50	2		8		31	6	11	31	23	1	1	1	195	850	900		75	75	10 00	10 00	25	30 00
Newton.....	3					2		18	3	17	1	1	4	197	900	900		90	90	12 00	12 00		12 00
Newton Circuit...	37			5		23	9	19	23	26	2	1	3	218	800	800		85	85	12 00	12 00	35	25 00
North Newton Cir.						3	2	6	3				1	55	325	287	37	32	23	4 00	3 00	10	5 00
Otley.....	13			3		8	1	4	8	2				80	420	345	75	42	37				4 00
Pella.....		1		2		8		4	8	6	11	1	2	66	700	700		50	50	6 00	6 00		7 00
Rose Hill.....	27	2	5	9		2	9	5	2	9	1		1	201	675	600	75	50	41	6 00	5 00	10	2 00
Wesley Chapel Cir.	22			1	1	20	17		21				1	93	472	400	72	24	24	3 00	2 00		
Total.....	346	25	11	56	3	154	108	269	162	283	85	46	27	3010	\$16241	\$15163	\$1127	\$1330	\$1272	\$167 00	\$154 00	\$283	\$235 00

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Ottumwa—First Ch	8	...	2	...	4	2	30	4	13	...	40	4	317	\$15 00	\$15 00	.....	\$125	\$125	\$17 00	\$17 00	.....	\$41 00
Ottumwa—Main St	10	...	1	...	6	3	29	6	16	3	9	2	153	1025	1025	.....	65	65	8 00	8 00	.....	\$20 16 00
Ottumwa Circuit..							15		16		4	1	94	300	73	\$227	25	9	3 00	.....	3	
Albia.....	40	2	8	...	15	15	11	15	20	...	...	...	268	1150	1050	100	108	100	11 00	10 00	25	20 00
Albia Circuit.....	6	...	...	1	5	1	1	1	12	...	6	...	159	600	413	187	65	49	6 00	5 00	20	4 00
Attica.....	1	...	...	...	10	2	...	10	9	...	1	...	255	650	550	100	87	75	10 00	8 00	30	10 00
Cedar.....	14	...	...	...	14	6	...	16	4	2	2	2	266	740	726	14	85	83	11 00	11 00	...	...
Centerville.....	4	20	10	...	21	10	...	10	6	20	...	35	...	251	1000	10 0	...	108	108	12 00	12 00	11 00
Chillicothe.....	13	...	2	6	1	4	13	...	8	2	7	3	201	672	558	114	70	58	8 00	6 00	15	5 00	
Durham.....	1	...	26	...	13	10	8	13	14	3	14	3	318	670	687	.....	90	90	11 00	11 00	30	15 00
Kirkville.....	5	2	...	...	3	3	13	...	20	6	2	4	192	800	700	100	92	78	10 00	10 00	30	17 00
Knoxville.....	9	...	...	...	9	23	...	21	5	...	2	2	268	1100	1100	...	108	108	10 00	10 00	40	25 00
Lovilla.....	...	...	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	132	600	450	150	50	50	6 00	5 00	20	3 00
Marysville.....	1	...	...	...	3	1	3	...	10	...	3	1	150	550	360	190	65	40	6 00	4 00	15	1 00
Melrose.....	3	5	6	...	3	...	5	1	5	4	2	2	125	400	300	100	50	37	3 00	3 00	5	8 00	
Plano.....	23	...	11	...	11	1	...	11	3	...	...	1	99	400	268	131	50	37	4 00	2 00	...	10 00
Unionville.....	3	...	2	...	57	17	10	54	7	...	...	2	276	550	550	...	65	62	7 00	7 00	15	15 00
Total.....	141	20	28	44	24	130	170	121	210	27	115	37	3517	\$12707	\$11310	\$1413	\$1308	\$1174	\$143 00	\$120 00	\$268	\$201 00	

STATISTICAL REPORT No. 2.

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	PROBATIONERS.							MEMBERS.							MINISTERIAL SUPPORT			PRE-IDDING ELDERs.		BISHOPS.		CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.	
	Roll at last Conference.	Removed by Cer.	Removed without Cer.	Withdrawn, Exp'd. Unk'n.	Deaths.	Rec'd into full connect'n.	Roll at end of this year.	Received by Cer.	Rec. from Probat'n.	Removed by Cer.	Removed without Cer.	Withdrawn, Exp'd. Unk'n.	Deaths.	Known at end of year.	Pastor's Claim.	Pastor's Receipts.	Deficiency.	Amount Appor't'd.	Amount Paid.	Amount Appor't'd.	Amount Paid.	Amount Appor't'd.	Amount Paid.
BURLINGTON.....	230	17	5	53	4	84	105	63	90	140	41	48	34	2,779	\$14,450	\$13,024	\$1,425	\$1,450	\$1,276	\$ 160 00	\$ 142 00	\$ 535	\$ 325 00
KEOKUK.....	334	28	10	88	2	110	158	121	106	189	41	43	38	2,972	11,950	10,532	1,418	1,220	1,015	119 00	104 00	293	135 00
MT. PLEASANT.....	373	24	7	36	4	223	80	160	223	152	20	44	32	2,771	11,665	10,666	999	1,349	1,229	136 00	123 00	350	155 00
MUSCATINE.....	369	35	11	63	3	212	93	91	224	223	40	47	27	2,921	15,086	13,932	1,152	1,514	1,305	180 00	166 00	485	242 00
OSKALOOSA.....	346	25	11	56	3	154	108	209	162	233	85	46	27	3,010	16,241	15,163	1,127	1,330	1,272	167 00	154 00	233	235 00
OTTUMWA.....	141	29	28	44	24	130	89	179	121	210	27	115	37	3,547	12,707	11,310	1,413	1,308	1,174	143 00	129 00	268	201 00
Total this year...	1793	158	72	340	40	913	633	826	926	1197	254	343	195	18,000	\$82,099	\$74,627	\$7,524	\$8,201	\$7,271	\$ 905 00	\$ 818 00	\$2,214	\$1293 00
Total last year...	1949	161	167	414	43	931	868	951	1011	1077	402	401	221	18,423	81,115	74,753	6,402	7,891	7,406	922 00	835 00	2,312	1110 00
Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 984	.....	\$1,122	\$ 310	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$ 183 00
Decrease.....	156	3	95	74	3	18	235	125	85	.....	148	58	26	\$ 423	.....	\$ 126	.....	\$ 310	\$ 135	\$ 17 00	\$ 17 00	\$ 98	.....

FORTIETH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

IOWA CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1882-3.

REPORT OF SECRETARY.

The Fortieth Anniversary of the Iowa Conference Missionary Society was held in the First M. E. Church, Burlington, Iowa, September 7th, 1883.

After devotional services Rev. C. W. Shepherd, Assistant Treasurer, made his annual report.

Rev. C. H. Fowler, D.D., Secretary of the Missionary Society of the M. E. Church, delivered a very able and earnest address.

John Haynes and L. O. Housel were reappointed to make addresses at the next anniversary.

The following persons were made members of the Parent Society this year by paying \$20.00 or more: F. A. Kilburn.

CONFERENCE SOCIETY—By paying \$5.00 or more: Joseph McCarty, J. C. W. Coxe, C. V. Cowan, T. Whiting, J. T. McFarland, Mary P. Kemble, Walter Keeler, W. F. Seis, W. L. Groom, C. Corran, S. E. Haynes, J. H. Tucker, O. F. Dorrann, Mrs. S. C. Smith, Eliza A. Lootz, S. S. Asbury, M. P. Darbyshire, A. B. Wood, R. J. McCormick, Dennis Bryan, Mrs. D. C. Smith, Kate Latchem, Lila Tinnigan, William Jewell, A. M. Gardner, B. F. Tipton, J. W. Eyestone, Maggie Eyestone, A. E. McDonald, C. Crisman, J. F. R. Leonard, F. A. Johnson, E. R. Latham, J. B. Blakeney, E. L. Penn, Harriet Thompson, M. Bamford, C. H. Montgomery, C. H. Wilson, W. R. Jeffrey, C. Hair, Mrs. T. J. Myers, John Potter, C. Liebig, Mrs. J. W. Moore, Mrs. Ferris, Mrs. William Clelland.

JUVENILE SOCIETY—By paying \$3.00 or more: E. Blanchard, O. P. Light, W. A. Swain, Mrs. Miller, W. C. Runnyan, John Davidson, B. W. Talbott, D. H. Payne, James Brown, G. A. Tompkins, Cedella Bryan, Clara McDonald, Mrs. B. Story, Joshua Stinchcomb, Aaron Palmer, Mary Evans, C. Snider, J. H. Craver, I. E. Page, Mary Montgomery, W. Hammer, C. S. Dickson, J. W. Breeden.

DETAILED REPORT OF CHARGES.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—Kellogg Circuit, B. F. Shane, Pastor: \$3.00, C. S. Dickson, J. W. Breeden. \$2.00, D. C. Lawson, A. F. Sweeney. \$1.00, A. E. Conrad, G. W. Fraker, J. M. Ferguson, Emma Stanley, Laura Braley, Carrie Shane, Frank Shane, J. B. Beck, William Miller, Samuel Mark, Dan Miller, M. Shoffner, G. M. Ludwick, John Breeden, Richard Breeden, William J. Breeden, Alice Breeden, W. W. Hollingsworth, Margaret Breeden. A. R. Morley, G. W. Dickey, D. M. Guessford, Eliza Shane, W. L. LeFevre. 50 cents, Lizzie G. Pickens, L. P. Williams, R. W. Wilson, Jane Young, James Buchard, E. S. Buchard, Sophia Mitchell, Ella Burke, S. N. Bellamy, A. B. Johnson, A. D. Morley, D. L. Lasson, Alice Miller, M. McMonigal, M. Campbell, Belle Miller, W. C. Mitchell, W. D. Delato, J. A. Bair, Mrs. Beemer, W. P. Coutts, Emma Covert, D. H. Sevzer, J. W. Burke.

[P. S.—There is no uniformity in the form of detailed reports; it would require a great amount of labor to put them in shape. I have prepared the above (Kellogg Circuit) as a form for next year's reports. If every Pastor will follow this plan, the Secretary can arrange them for publication without recopying, and this will make their printing practicable. IRA O. KEMBLE, Secretary.]

OTTUMWA DISTRICT—Cedar Circuit: E. P. Michener, Pastor. \$5.00, J. E. Watkins, Mrs. J. A. Bemar. \$4.00, E. P. Michener. \$2.00, Lizzie Lakin. \$1.50, Mrs. J. E. Watkins, Mrs. J. C. Kirk. \$1.00, Lola Fox, Mary F. Moore, R. Newbanks, C. W. Moore and wife, A. D. Coleman, R. W. Moore, H. Gruber, E. Myers, A. Brown, A. E. Brown, N. Michener, D. Arnold and wife, B. C. Howell, G. B. McFall, Mrs. G. B. McFall, J. A. Bernard, R. W. Dye, J. S. Reynolds, E. T. Lakin, M. Kinsman, J. A. McCurdy, M. Charnock, J. Zaring, D. T. Mills, Mrs. R. W. Dye. 75 cents, Jennie Johnson. 50 cents, Ida Moore, Ella Moore, Alta Wright, Mary Fisher, Martha Newbold, Lizzie Wright, Margaret Myers, V. Brubaker, T. M. Emmert, A. Higgason, J. Steel, T. R. Moore, E. Lyons, May Walker, J. N. Endicott, C. Bradly, J. C. Wright, Alice Emmert, Annie Brubaker, J. W. Moore, R. E. Holloway, George Lantz, J. W. Sparks, Fannie Sigafosse, I. Michener, J. L. Bryan, J. W. Higgason, Maltilda Jenkins, J. H. Jenkins, D. Davis, Mattie Zaring, W. L. Crandle, Stella Zaring, Myrtle Torrance, J. W. Zaring, Hila Moore, Belle Moore, George Zaring, Mollie Endicott.

FIRST CHURCH—Keokuk: \$5.00, S. T. Worley. \$3.00, W. Price. \$2.00, A. Leeyer. \$1.00, R. Sutherland, J. Weble, — Proudly, Mrs. Reese, Mrs. Randolph, Mrs. Chamberlain. 50 cents, P. C. Ott, M. Carpenter, N. Wilson, B. Crowell, C. E. Hurlburg, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Sperry, Mr. Birdsell.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—Blue Grass: \$2.00, H. V. Tull, Anna C. Tull, P. C. Fintel, W. Sauerman. \$1.00, Mary McGarvey, Louisa Dorsey, Lucinda Barnes, S. R. Campbell, James McGarvey, Mrs. Frasure. 50 cents, B. T. Gadd, Jennie Gadd, Elizabeth Johnson, Sarah Cessna, Laura Burnside, H. C. Wagner, Mrs. J. McGarvey, Hannah Wagner, Samuel Schoefer, Lucinda Van Lew, Mary

Secoy, S. Fry, W. F. Porter, Henry Gabbert, Anna E. Riganey, Caroline Karges, John Coats, T. R. Cessna, Hellen McGarvey, Celia Berryman.

BURLINGTON CIRCUIT—\$7.10, S. S., Shiloh. 5.00, Eliza A. Loots, S. S., Asbury. \$2.50, T. S. Pool. \$2.00, E. H. Calkins, J. Q. Walker, H. W. Cartwright. \$1.00, Mrs. E. Woodward, Lurada Calkins, Nancy A. Comstock, Mrs. H. C. Smith, Erastus Woodward, W. E. Bennett, Millard Layton, J. G. Davison, H. D. Cameron, Robert Sawdon, Abram Colby, Jacob Bumgardner, E. S. C. Miller, John Van Dyke. 50 cents, Mary Murphy, John Miller, Malinda Pool, H. W. Van Dyke, Etta Van Dyke, Emma Eddy, Benedict Smith, Lorenzo Murphy, Frank Davison, William P. Perry, Jennie Perry, F. M. Johnson, C. D. Cameron, Henry Magle, James Storer, J. E. Boyer, Peter Boyer.

Those paying 50 cents from the Conference at large: Elizabeth Smith, Ellen Elgin, S. H. Smith, Emily Stone, S. Pendergast, E. Pendergast, Peter Sidler, John Pendergast, Julia Arnold, Mal. Acherman, Mary Acherman, Isabel Bell, Ida Bell, Anna Bell, Rosa Bell, Anna Buck, Ella Black, A. F. Bosworth, Bertie Bosworth, May Clark, George Cook, Alice Cook, John Christee, J. Christee, Thomas Cotter, Lucy Cotter, Ella Cotter, L. Dixon, Hannah Doty, Edward Doty, Samuel Farley, Thornton Ford, W. H. Hilborn, Eliza Hilborn, Emma Harrington, L. Harrington, Mrs. Moffitt, Martha McCleery, John McCleery, Milo McCleery, Mary Miller, F. Ostrancher, Robert Siple, R. Siple, Daniel Shirk; Mariah Shirk, Joseph Smith, Avilda Ward, Albert Yenter, A. B. Young, J. Wymer.

TREASURER'S REPORT—1883.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—W. F. COWLES, P. E.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Totals.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Member.
Burlington—First..	Geo. C. Haddock..	\$355 40	\$109 29	\$464 69	\$236 29	\$.....	\$1 09
Burlington South.....	U. B. Smith.....	4 00	17 00	21 00	.....	19 00	17
Burlington Circuit.....	W. E. Patterson..	52 10	.....	52 10	.....	7 90	50
Ainsworth.....	.....	27 00	30 00	57 00	27 00	.....	45
Canaan.....	.....	40 00	80	40 80	.....	38 20	30
Columbus Junction.....	M. See.....	12 00	.....	12 00	7 00	.....	20
Danville.....	T. J. Myers.....	55 50	17 50	73 00	27 00	.....	44
Fort Madison.....	J. E. Corley.....	23 00	23 00	46 00	4 00	.....	63
Kosautz.....	O. P. Light.....	38 00	38 00	76 00	.....	31 00	44
Mediapolis.....	L. O. Housel.....	19 44	8 56	28 00	.....	10 00	21
Morning Sun.....	George Nulton.....	22 00	10 00	32 00	.....	16 00	22
Mt. Pleasant Cir.....	G. W. Byrkit.....	22 00	13 00	35 00	.....	.....	20
New London.....	A. McClutock.....	23 00	4 00	27 00	5 00	.....	18
Sperry.....	J. W. Lewis.....	4 00	4 00	8 00	.....	17 00	06
Wapello.....	J. C. Kendrick.....	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	2 00	21
Wayland.....	F. R. Holcomb.....	87 50	12 50	100 00	18 00	.....	52
West Point.....	.....	7 00	.....	7 00	.....	9 00	06
Winfield.....	Geo. M. Tuttle.....	48 00	7 00	55 00	.....	10 00	22
Total.....	.....	\$854 94	\$294 65	\$1149 59	\$324 29	\$160 10	\$ 34

KEOKUK DISTRICT—J. T. SIMMONS, P. E.

Keokuk—Chatham.....	J. W. McDonald.....	\$ 70 00	\$ 56 00	\$126 00	\$4 00	\$.....	\$ 68
Keokuk—First.....	C. F. Williams.....	26 00	64 00	90 00	3 00	.....	50
Bentonsport.....	L. C. Carroll.....	26 00	.....	26 00	1 00	.....	12
Birmingham.....	E. J. Pike.....	30 00	6 00	36 00	.....	.....	20
Bloomfield.....	T. E. Corkhill.....	134 00	75 40	209 55	.....	8 49	1 16
Cincinnati.....	T. Stephenson.....	25 00	12 00	37 00	.....	6 00	13
Drakeville.....	R. B. Allender.....	30 00	.....	30 00	.....	5 00	21
Farmington.....	S. E. Vinal.....	13 41	6 69	20 10	.....	14 90	19
Keosauqua.....	J. Hunter.....	23 75	18 50	42 25	.....	17 75	21
Keosauqua Circuit.....	G. W. Barber.....	15 50	.....	15 50	.....	50	14
Lebanon.....	A. W. Haines.....	30 00	10 00	40 00	.....	37 00	22
Milton.....	J. W. Wright.....	30 00	.....	30 00	.....	12 00	12
Montrose.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Moulton.....	J. A. Boatman.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	52 00	02
Pulaski.....	Jesse Craig.....	21 97	5 53	27 50	.....	32 50	10
Selma.....	J. F. Robertson.....	55 00	20 00	75 00	.....	5 00	45
Troy.....	B. M. Boydston.....	30 00	23 00	53 00	.....	10 00	32
Total.....	.....	\$565 78	\$297 12	\$862 90	\$8 00	\$201 14	\$ 30

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT—B. MARK, P. E.

Mt. Pleasant—First.....	J. B. Blakeney.....	\$135 00	\$65 31	\$200 31	\$.....	\$49 69	\$ 47
Abingdon.....	W. S. Gardner.....	28 00	7 00	35 00	19 50	.....	28
Agency City.....	W. H. H. Smith.....	60 00	2 50	62 50	.....	13 50	39
Batavia.....	.....	7 00	3 00	10 00	.....	41 00	06
Brighton.....	A. Latimer.....	28 00	2 00	30 00	5 00	.....	20
Fairfield.....	J. W. Robinson.....	50 00	25 00	75 00	4 09	.....	37
Fairfield Circuit.....	A. R. Miller.....	41 00	2 12	43 12	20 12	.....	39
Hillsboro.....	J. W. Hackley.....	35 00	.....	35 00	15 00	.....	28
Keota.....	S. S. Martin.....	60 00	15 00	75 00	45 00	.....	47
Lexington.....	W. I. Miller.....	106 00	29 00	135 00	4 00	.....	92
Martinsburg.....	S. F. Bishop.....	46 00	1 00	47 00	26 85	.....	38
Richland.....	S. R. Ferguson.....	30 00	10 00	40 00	.....	.....	24
Salem.....	H. H. Barton.....	8 00	.....	8 00	.....	14 70	09
Sigourney.....	M. Bamford.....	43 00	10 00	53 00	6 00	.....	50
Sigourney Circuit.....	W. N. Potter.....	5 00	.....	5 00	.....	.....	25
Washington.....	C. L. Stafford.....	70 00	70 00	140 00	40 00	.....	60
Webster.....	D. L. Howard.....	47 00	5 00	52 00	2 00	.....	33
Total.....	.....	\$799 00	\$246 93	\$1045 93	\$187 56	\$118 89	\$ 38

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—G. N. POWER, P. E.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Totals.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Member.
Muscatine—First.....	John Haynes.....	\$121 00	\$154 04	\$275 04	\$ 12 04	\$.....	\$ 85
Muscatine Circuit.....	W. R. Stryker.....	.....	100 00	100 00	.....	10 00	42
Blue Grass.....	H. V. Tull.....	30 00	7 00	37 00	.....	3 00	43
Kosta.....	A. R. Jones.....	44 00	6 00	50 00	.....	15 00	34
Lettsville.....	J. L. King.....	56 00	.....	56 00	5 00	.....	36
Lone Tree.....	J. M. Mann.....	22 80	3 27	26 07	.....	3 93	22
Marengo.....	W. N. Hall.....	62 00	23 00	85 00	.....	31 57	30
Millersburg.....	J. Davis.....	50 00	.....	50 00	14 00	.....	27
Oxford.....	J. G. Barton.....	65 00	10 00	75 00	.....	.....	65
Pleasant Hill.....	J. Potter.....	55 00	5 00	60 00	15 00	.....	57
Riverside.....	N. Wells.....	31 00	9 00	40 00	4 00	.....	19
Sweetland Center.....	W. A. Swain.....	43 00	2 00	45 00	25 00	.....	26
Tiffin.....	H. F. Pugh.....	21 65	9 54	31 19	.....	8 81	41
Victor.....	D. A. Watters.....	38 00	17 00	55 00	6 25	.....	28
West Liberty.....	G. G. Watters.....	23 00	24 00	47 00	7 00	.....	41
Williamsburg.....	S. H. Thomas.....	8 00	4 00	12 00	.....	30 00	17
Wilton.....	D. C. Bevan.....	98 00	52 00	150 00	25 00	.....	83
What Cheer.....	C. R. Norton.....	37 00	3 00	40 00	.....	4 00	17
Total.....	.....	\$805 45	\$428 85	\$1234 30	\$113 29	\$106 31	\$ 40

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—E. L. SCHREINER, P. E.

Oskaloosa—First.....	F. W. Evans.....	\$ 40 00	\$ 10 00	\$ 50 00	\$.....	\$ 30 00	\$ 34
Oskaloosa—Simpson.....	A. V. Kendrick.....	50 00	25 00	75 00	25 00	.....	40
Beacon.....	S. C. Smith.....	34 00	17 00	51 00	20 00	.....	41
Brooklyn.....	J. C. W. Coxe.....	44 50	17 50	62 00	.....	99 60	24
Brooklyn Circuit.....	I. N. Busby.....	15 75	.....	15 75	.....	4 25	17
Chester.....	C. P. Reynolds.....	96 83	6 25	103 08	3 08	.....	1 05
Eddyville.....	C. Morey.....	4 00	1 00	5 00	.....	5 00	11
Granville.....	O. C. Shelton.....	41 00	.....	41 00	1 00	.....	28
Grinnell.....	D. Murphy.....	72 00	38 00	110 00	44 50	.....	64
Kellogg.....	B. F. Shane.....	90 00	10 00	100 00	.....	.....	94
Lynnville.....	A. C. Keeler.....	40 00	1 00	41 00	.....	19 00	33
Montezuma.....	D. C. Smith.....	80 00	67 00	147 00	8 50	.....	86
Montezuma Circuit.....	C. V. Cowan.....	100 00	.....	100 00	.....	.....	50
New Sharon.....	R. A. Carmine.....	105 00	2 00	107 00	29 00	.....	55
Newton.....	W. G. Thorn.....	46 00	14 00	60 00	7 00	.....	30
Newton Circuit.....	I. O. Kemble.....	110 00	10 00	120 00	10 00	.....	55
North Newton Circuit.....	W. A. Gibbons.....	46 25	.....	46 25	.....	4 00	84
Otley.....	.....	20 00	4 00	24 00	.....	6 00	30
Pella.....	J. M. Coats.....	20 00	.....	20 00	.....	20 00	27
Rose Hill.....	J. S. Freeland.....	35 00	.....	35 00	.....	5 00	17
Wesley Chapel Circuit.....	.....	3 50	.....	3 50	.....	4 50	04
Total.....	.....	\$1093 83	\$222 75	\$1316 58	\$148 08	\$197 35	\$ 44

OTTUMWA DISTRICT—W. G. WILSON, P. E.

Ottumwa—First Ch.....	W. H. H. Pillsbury.....	\$ 55 00	\$ 95 00	\$150 00	\$.....	\$143 00	\$ 47
Ottumwa—Main St.....	H. E. Wing.....	40 00	20 00	60 00	34 00	.....	39
Ottumwa Circuit.....	.....	5 65	.....	5 65	.....	4 35	05
Albia.....	W. N. Groome.....	76 00	.....	76 00	.....	64 00	31
Albia Circuit.....	.....	26 00	4 00	30 00	.....	10 00	23
Attica.....	J. H. Hard.....	100 00	.....	100 00	48 00	.....	39
Cedar.....	E. P. Michener.....	90 00	10 00	100 00	5 00	.....	33
Centerville.....	I. P. Teter.....	62 00	21 36	83 36	33 36	.....	33
Chillicothe.....	E. S. Daly.....	40 50	1 00	41 50	4 50	.....	20
Durham.....	O. J. McFadden.....	90 00	5 50	95 50	35 00	.....	30
Kirkville.....	C. H. Montgomery.....	50 50	6 00	56 50	5 50	.....	25
Knoxville.....	S. S. Murphy.....	115 00	55 00	170 00	81 00	.....	63
Lovilia.....	J. B. Hill.....	18 00	5 00	23 00	.....	12 00	22
Marysville.....	A. Kershaw.....	25 00	1 00	26 00	.....	24 00	17
Melrose.....	E. Lathrop.....	15 00	.....	15 00	3 00	.....	12
Plano.....	J. M. Loughridge.....	11 00	2 00	13 00	.....	12 00	14
Unionville.....	E. H. Wycoff.....	64 00	.....	64 00	30 00	.....	20
Totals.....	.....	\$883 65	\$225 86	\$1109 51	\$279 36	\$269 35	\$ 28

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	PRESIDING ELDERS.	From Churches.	From Sunday Schools.	Totals.	Increase.	Decrease.	Average per Member.
Burlington.....	W. F. Cowles.....	\$854 94	\$294 65	\$1149 59	\$164 19	\$.....	34
Keokuk.....	J. T. Simmons.....	565 78	297 12	862 90	.....	193 14	30
Mt. Pleasant.....	B. Mark.....	799 00	246 93	1045 93	68 67	.....	38
Muscatine.....	G. N. Power.....	805 45	428 85	1234 30	6 98	.....	40
Oskaloosa.....	E. L. Schreiner.....	1093 83	222 75	1316 58	.....	49 27	44
Ottumwa.....	W. G. Wilson.....	883 65	225 86	1109 51	10 01	.....	23
Totals.....	.....	\$5002 65	\$1716 16	\$6718 81	\$249 85	\$242 41	35½
Total Increase.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6 98	.....	.....

Treasurer in account with the Missionary Society of the Iowa Annual Conference, for the year ending September 5th, 1883.

	DR.	CR.
To amount of collections from charges	\$ 6718 81	
To amount of balance on hand at last report.....	123 23	
By cash paid Walden & Stowe, September 7th, 1883.....		\$ 6110 00
By cash forwarded to Walden & Stowe during the year.....		587 74
By cash paid for publication of Minutes of 1882.....		30 00
By cash paid for exchange and stationery.....		26
By cash on hand to balance, September 8th, 1883.....		114 04
Total.....	\$ 6842 04	\$ 6842 04

C. W. SHEPHERD, Assistant

B. MARK, Treasurer.

BURLINGTON, September 8th, 1883.

Collections of Iowa Annual Conference, for the Woman's Home Missionary Society:

Anniversary collections.....	\$25 26
To make Bishop Simpson a Life Member.....	57 98
Total.....	\$83 24

BURLINGTON, August 25th, 1883.

In behalf of the Woman's Home Missionary Society:

Anniversary collections, twenty-five dollars and twenty-six cents.....	\$25 26
Collections for life membership of Bishop Simpson, fifty-seven dollars and ninety-eight cents.....	57 98
Total.....	\$83 24

Received Collections,

MRS. R. S. RUST.

IX.

APPOINTMENTS. .

NOTE.—The figures denote the number of years in the present appointment.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT—W. F. COWLES, P. E., 4.

Burlington, First—to be supplied.	Medapolis—L. O. Housel, 2.
Burlington, South—T. J. Myers, 1.	Morning Sun—J. W. Lewis, 1.
Burlington Circuit—T. S. Pool, 1.	Mt. Pleasant Circuit—G. W. Byrkit, 3.
Ainsworth—W. E. Patterson, 2.	New London—A. McClintock, 2.
Canaan—W. P. Elliott, 2.	Sperry—J. E. Rutledge, 1.
Columbus Junction—M. See, 2.	Wapello—O. P. Light, 1.
Danville—U. B. Smith, 1.	Wayland—F. R. Holcomb, 3.
Fort Madison—J. E. Corley, 2.	West Point—W. A. Black, 3.
Kossuth—D. L. Hayward, 1.	Winfield—Geo. M. Tuttle, 3.

KEOKUK DISTRICT—J. T. SIMMONS, P. E., 3.

Keokuk, Chatham Square—J. W. McDonald, 3.	Keosauqua—J. Hunter, 2.
Keokuk, First Ch—C. F. Williams, 2.	Keosauqua Circuit—G. W. Barber, 1.
Bentonsport—to be supplied.	Lebanon—L. C. Carroll, 2.
Birmingham—A. W. Haines, 1.	Milton—J. F. Robertson, 1.
Bloomfield—D. C. Smith, 1.	Montrose—to be supplied.
Cincinnati—J. A. Sinclair, 1.	Moulton—J. A. Boatman, 1.
Drakeville—T. Stephenson, 1.	Pulaski—C. W. Shepherd, 1.
Farmington—S. E. Vinal, 1.	Selma—E. J. Pike, 1.
	Troy—B. M. Boydston, 2.

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT—B. MARK, P. E., 3.

Mt. Pleasant, First—J. B. Blakeney, 2.	Lexington—S. R. Ferguson, 1.
Abingdon—A. R. Miller, 1.	Martinsburg—C. W. Simmons, 1.
Agency City—W. I. Miller, 1.	Richland—J. C. Kendrick, 1.
Batavia—J. W. Hackley, 1.	Salem and Hillsboro—J. S. Freeland, 1.
Brighton—S. F. Bishop, 1.	Sigourney—I. O. Kemble, 1.
Fairfield—M. Bamford, 1.	Sigourney Circuit—to be supplied.
Fairfield Circuit—W. S. Gardner, 2.	Washington—C. L. Stafford, 3.
Keota—S. S. Martin, 2.	Webster—Geo. Nulton, 1.

W. J. Spaulding, President; J. T. McFarland, Professor Iowa Wesleyan University, members of the First Church Quarterly Conference.

S. W. Siberts, Missionary to Mexico.

T. E. Corkhill, Agent I. W. U., and member of First Church Quarterly Conference.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT—GEO. N. POWER, P. E., 4.

Muscatine, First Ch'h—H. E. Wing, 1.	Oxford—W. R. Stryker, 1.
Muscatine Circuit—D. A. Watters, 1.	Pleasant Hill—F. W. Adams, 1.
Blue Grass—H. F. Pugh, 1.	Riverside—A. R. Jones, 1.
Kosta—A. T. Jeffrey, 1.	Sweetland Center—C. R. Norton, 1.
Ladora—B. F. Shane, 1.	Tiffin—J. W. Wright, 1.
Lettsville—J. L. King, 2.	Victor—J. M. Coats, 2.
Lone Tree—G. W. Younkin, 1.	West Liberty—G. G. Watters, 2.
Marengo—W. N. Hall, 2.	What Cheer—W. A. Swain, 1.
Millersburg—J. Davis, 3.	Williamsburg—S. H. Thomas, 3.

Wilton—E. L. Schreiner.

C. Morey, Conference Evangelist, and member of What Cheer Quarterly Conference.

J. M. Mann, Missionary to West Nebraska.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT—D. MURPHY, P. E., 1.

Oskaloosa, First Ch—F. W. Evans, 2.	Montezuma—J. G. Barton, 1.
Oskaloosa, Simp.—A. V. Kendrick, 2.	Montezuma Circuit—C. V. Cowan, 3.
Beacon—S. C. Smith, 2.	New Sharon—W. N. Groom, 1.
Brooklyn—J. C. W. Cox, 2.	Newton—R. A. Carnine, 1.
Brooklyn Circuit—I. N. Busby, 3.	Newton Circuit—Jesse Craig, 1.
Chester—C. P. Reynolds, 2.	North Newton Circuit—to be supplied.
Eddyville—to be supplied.	Otley—to be supplied.
Granville—O. C. Shelton, 2.	Pella—A. C. Keeler, 1.
Grinnell—John Haynes, 1.	Rose Hill—A. Latimer, 1.
Kellogg—John Potter, 1.	Wesley Chapel Circuit—C. H. Reynolds, 1.
Lynnville—N. Wells, 1.	

S. P. Craver, Missionary to Mexico.

OTTUMWA DISTRICT—W. G. WILSON, P. E., 4.

Ottumwa, First Church—W. H. H. Pillsbury, 2.	Chillicothe—E. S. Daly, 2.
Ottumwa, Main St.—D. C. Bevan, 1.	Durham—O. J. McFadden, 2.
Ottumwa Circuit—To be supplied.	Kirkville—C. H. Montgomery, 2.
Albia—I. P. Teter, 1.	Knoxville—S. S. Murphy, 2.
Albia Circuit—R. G. Wilson, 1.	Lovilla—W. A. Gibbens, 1.
Attica—J. H. Hard, 2.	Marysville—C. Todd, 1.
Cedar—E. P. Michener, 2.	Melrose—W. N. Potter, 1.
Centerville—W. G. Thorn, 1.	Plano—J. M. Lockridge, 2.
	Unionville—To be supplied.

X.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD.

1883-4.

N. B.—“E” stands for Effective Elder; “D” for Deacon; “P” for Probationer; “Sy” for Supernumerary; “Sup” for Superannuated. All Post Offices in SMALL CAPITALS are out of the bounds of the Iowa Conference.

NAMES.	Entered Itinerancy.	CONFERENCE.	Entered Iowa Conference.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.
Adams, Frank W.....	P 1881	Iowa.....	1881	Amish P. O.....	Johnson.....
Allender, R. B.....	Sup 1854	“.....	1854	Bloomfield.....	Davis.....
Bamford, Morris.....	E 1871	“.....	1871	Fairfield.....	Jefferson.....
Barber, George W.....	P 1883	“.....	1883	Bonapart.....	Van Buren.....
Barton, J. G.....	E 1868	“.....	1868	Montezuma.....	Poweshiek...
Bevan, David C.....	E 1871	“.....	1871	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Bishop, S. F.....	E 1878	“.....	1878	Brighton.....	Washington..
Blakeney, J. B.....	E 1852	West Virginia.....	1870	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Boatman, J. A.....	E.....	Kentucky.....	1883	Moulton.....	Appanoose...
Boydston, B. M.....	D 1880	Iowa.....	1880	Troy.....	Davis.....
Burgess, John.....	Sup 1844	North Ohio.....	1865	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Busby, I. N.....	E 1868	Iowa.....	1868	Brooklyn.....	Poweshiek...
Byrkit, G. W.....	E 1857	“.....	1857	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Carnine, R. A.....	E 1873	“.....	1873	Newton.....	Jasper.....
Carroll, L. C.....	E 1874	“.....	1874	Lebanon.....	Van Buren...
Clark, G. H.....	Sup 1857	“.....	1857	Muchachinock.....	Mahaska....
Coats, J. M.....	E 1860	“.....	1860	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Coleman, J. T.....	Sup 1847	“.....	1847	Montrose.....	Lee.....
Corkhill, T. E.....	E 1847	“.....	1847	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Corley, J. E.....	E 1871	“.....	1871	Fort Madison.....	Lee.....
Cowles, W. F.....	E 1843	Michigan.....	1851	Burlington.....	Des Moines..
Cowan, C. V.....	D 1880	Iowa.....	1880	Montezuma.....	Poweshiek...
Coxe, J. C. W.....	E 1864	Vermont.....	1874	Brooklyn.....	Poweshiek...
Craig, Jesse.....	E 1845	Pittsburg.....	1855	Newton.....	Jasper.....
Craver, S. P.....	E 1875	Iowa.....	1875	GUANATUATO.....	Mexico.....
Daly, E. S.....	E 1879	“.....	1879	Chillicothe.....	Wapello.....
Davis, John.....	E 1869	New Connection Can.....	1871	Millersburg.....	Iowa.....
Evans, F. W.....	E 1851	Iowa.....	1851	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska....
Ferguson, J. S.....	Sy 1865	“.....	1865	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Ferguson, S. R.....	E 1872	Des Moines.....	1874	Lexington.....	Washington..
Freeland, J. S.....	E 1871	West Virginia.....	1876	Salem.....	Henry.....
Gardner, W. S.....	P 1882	Iowa.....	1882	“.....	Jefferson.....
Gassner, Joseph.....	Sy 1836	Ohio.....	1854	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Gibbens, W. A.....	D 1880	Iowa.....	1880	Lovilla.....	Monroe.....
Groom, W. N.....	E 1874	“.....	1874	New Sharon.....	Jasper.....
Hackley, J. W.....	P 1882	“.....	1882	Batavia.....	Jefferson.....
Haines, A. W.....	E 1869	“.....	1869	Birmingham.....	Van Buren...
Hall, W. N.....	E 1873	Northwest Indiana.....	1880	Marengo.....	Iowa.....
Hard, J. H.....	E 1875	Iowa.....	1875	Attica.....	Marion.....
Hardy, J. B.....	Sup 1842	Rock River.....	1844	Brooklyn.....	Poweshiek...
Hayden, John.....	Sup 1841	“.....	1844	Libertyville.....	Jefferson.....

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD—Continued.

NAMES.	Entered Itinerary.	CONFERENCE.	Entered Itinerary.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.
Haynes, James.....	Sup 1855	Iowa.....	1855	OMAHA.....	Nebraska...
Haynes, John.....	E 1859	".....	1859	Grinnell.....	Poweshiek...
Hayward, D. L.....	E.....	".....	1883	Kossuth.....	Des Moines..
Hestwood, S.....	Sup 1853	Iowa.....	1852	Otley.....	Marion.....
Hill, John B.....	Sup 1852	West Virginia.....	1857	Agency City.....	Wapello.....
Holcomb, F. R.....	E 1879	Iowa.....	1879	Wayland.....	Henry.....
Housel, L. O.....	E 1873	".....	1873	Mediapolis.....	Des Moines..
Hunter, James.....	E 1873	".....	1873	Keosauqua.....	Van Buren...
Johnson, A. W.....	Sup 1843	Rock River.....	1844	Dudly.....	Wapello.....
Jones, A. R.....	E 1872	Iowa.....	1872	Riverside.....	Washington..
Kemble, I. O.....	E 1865	".....	1865	Sigourney.....	Keokuk.....
Kendrick, A. V.....	E 1873	".....	1873	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Kendrick, J. C.....	E 1869	".....	1869	Richland.....	Keokuk.....
King, J. L.....	E 1870	".....	1870	Lettsville.....	Louisa.....
Kirkpatrick, T. M.....	Sup 1837	Illinois.....	1844	Baker.....	Jefferson.....
Latimer, A.....	E 1878	".....	1879	Rose Hill.....	Mahaska.....
Lewis, J. W.....	P 1882	Iowa.....	1882	Morning Shn.....	Louisa.....
Light, O. P.....	E 1854	Illinois.....	1867	Wapello.....	Louisa.....
Mann, J. M.....	E 1866	Iowa.....	1866	INDIANOLA.....	Nebraska.....
Mark, B.....	E 1846	Ohio.....	1860	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Martin, S. S.....	E 1876	Iowa.....	1876	Keota.....	Keokuk.....
McClintock, A.....	E 1865	Upper Iowa.....	1870	New London.....	Henry.....
McCutchen, J. H.....	Sup 1839	Ohio.....	1857	New Boston.....	Lee.....
McDonald, J. W.....	E 1866	Iowa.....	1866	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
McDowell, J.....	Sup 1830	Ohio.....	1844	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
McFadden, O. J.....	E 1878	Iowa.....	1878	Durham.....	Marion.....
McFarland, J. T.....	E 1875	".....	1875	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Michener, E. P.....	E 1872	".....	1872	Fremont.....	Mahaska.....
Miller, A. R.....	P 1882	".....	1882	Abingdon.....	Jefferson.....
Miller, W. I.....	E 1866	".....	1866	Agency City.....	Wapello.....
Montgomery, C. H.....	E 1873	".....	1873	Kirkville.....	Wapello.....
Morey, Cyrus.....	E 1851	West Virginia.....	1855	What Cheer.....	Keokuk.....
Murphy, D.....	E 1858	Iowa.....	1858	Grinnell.....	Poweshiek...
Murphy, S. S.....	E 1868	".....	1868	Knoxville.....	Marion.....
Myers, T. J.....	E 1869	".....	1869	Burlington.....	Des Moines..
Norton, C. R.....	E 1872	".....	1872	Sweetland Center.....	Muscatine...
Nulton, George.....	E 1869	".....	1869	Webster.....	Keokuk.....
Orr, John.....	Sup 1859	".....	1859	Mt. Pleasant.....	Henry.....
Patterson, W. E.....	E 1871	".....	1871	Ainsworth.....	Washington..
Pike, E. J.....	E 1868	".....	1868	Selma.....	Van Buren...
Pillsbury, W. H. H.....	E 1867	New Hampshire.....	1871	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Poston, W.....	Sup 1855	Iowa.....	1855	Lexington.....	Washington..
Potter, John.....	E 1870	".....	1870	Kellogg.....	Jasper.....
Potter, W. N.....	P 1883	".....	1883	Melrose.....	Monroe.....
Power, George N.....	E 1856	".....	1856	Muscatine.....	Muscatine...
Pugh, H. F.....	E 1873	".....	1873	Blue Grass.....	Scott.....
Reynolds, C. P.....	E 1853	".....	1853	Chester.....	Poweshiek...
Reynolds, C. H.....	P 1882	Des Moines.....	1883	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Robertson, J. F.....	E 1877	Iowa.....	1877	Milton.....	Van Buren...
Robinson, A.....	Sup 1836	Indiana.....	1857	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Robinson, J. W.....	Sy 1869	Iowa.....	1869	".....	".....
Robinson, R S.....	Sup 1829	Illinois.....	1854	Oskaloosa.....	Mahaska.....
Runyan, Harrison.....	Sup 1860	Iowa.....	1860	Marysville.....	Marion.....
Schriener, E. L.....	E 1865	".....	1865	Wilton.....	Muscatine...
See, M.....	E 1845	".....	1845	Columbus City.....	Louisa.....
Shane, B. F.....	E 1869	".....	1869	Ladora.....	Iowa.....
Shelton, O. C.....	E 1836	Ohio.....	1852	Granville.....	Mahaska.....
Shepherd, C. W.....	E 1868	Iowa.....	1868	Pulaski.....	Davis.....
Shippen, W. C.....	Sy 1852	".....	1852	HELENA.....	Montana.....
Siberts, S. W.....	E 1875	".....	1875	MARIFLORES.....	Mexico.....
Simmons, C. W.....	P 1883	".....	1883	Martinsburg.....	Keokuk.....
Simmons, John.....	E 1856	".....	1856	Ottumwa.....	Wapello.....
Smith, D. C.....	E 1864	".....	1864	Bloomfield.....	Davis.....
Smith, S. C.....	E 1879	".....	1879	Beacon.....	Mahaska.....

CONFERENCE ROLL AND RECORD—Continued.

NAMES.	Entered Itineracy.	CONFERENCE.	Entered Itineracy.	P. O. ADDRESS.	COUNTY.
Smith, U. B.	E 1867	Iowa.....	1867	Danville.....	Des Moines..
Spaulding, W. J.	E 1854	Indiana.....	1856	Mt. Pleasant..	Henry.....
Stafford, C. L.	E 1870	Iowa.....	1870	Washington....	Washington..
Stephenson, T.	E 1864	South Illinois....	1867	Drakeville....	Davis.....
Stryker, A. W.	Sup 1850	Indiana.....	1856	Victor.....	Iowa.....
Stryker, W. R.	E 1875	Iowa.....	1875	Oxford.....	Johnson...
Swain, W. A.	E 1871	Methodist Protestant	1882	What Cheer....	Keokuk.....
Teter, J. P.	E 1853	Iowa.....	1853	Aloia.....	Monroe.....
Thomas, S. H.	E 1860	"	1860	IOWA CITY....	Johnson...
Thompson, J. G.	Sup 1853	"	1853	Sigourney.....	Keokuk.....
Thorn, W. G.	E 1867	"	1867	Centerville....	Appanoose..
Tull, H. V.	Sy 1881	"	1881	EVANSTON.....	Illinois.....
Tuttle, G. M.	E 1870	Vermont.....	1876	Winfield.....	Henry.....
Twining, E. W.	Sup 1846	Iowa.....	1846	Washington....	Washington..
Vinal, S. E.	P 1882	Upper Iowa....	1883	Farmington....	Van Buren..
Waring, E. H.	Sy 1849	Baltimore....	1857	Oskaloosa....	Mahaska....
Watters, D. A.	E 1874	Iowa.....	1874	Muscatine....	Muscatine...
Watters, G. G.	E 1851	Pittsburg....	1882	West Liberty..	Muscatine...
Wells, N.	E 1854	Iowa.....	1854	Lynnville....	Jasper.....
Wiley, G. F. W.	Sy 1874	"	1874	Mt. Pleasant..	Henry.....
Wilson, R. G.	P 1883	"	1883	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Wilson, W. G.	E 1870	"	1870	Albia.....	Monroe.....
Williams, C. F.	E 1880	"	1880	Keokuk.....	Lee.....
Wing, H. E.	E 1873	"	1873	Muscatine....	Muscatine...
Woodford, L. C.	Sup 1848	"	1848	DAVENPORT....	Scott
Wright, J. W.	E 1872	South Illinois....	1876	Tiffin.....	Johnson...
Wykoff, H. E.	Sy 1879	Iowa.....	1879	EVANSTON.....	Illinois.....
Younkin, G. W.	P 1883	"	1883	Lone Tree....	Johnson...

SUMMARY.

Elders.....	117
Deacons.....	4
Total Members.....	121
Probationers.....	12
Total number of Preachers.....	133
Supernumeraries.....	8
Supernumerates.....	22
Effective Preachers.....	103
Total.....	133

SESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE.

YEAR.	TIME.	PLACE.	BISHOP.	SECRETARY.
1844....	August 14 to August 18....	Iowa City.....	Morris....	H. W. Reed.
1845.....	September 3 to September 8....	Burlington.....	Morris.....	"
1846.....	" 2 to " 7....	Bloomington....	Hamlin.....	"
1847.....	" 1 to " 7....	Mt. Pleasant....	Waugh.....	Joseph Brooks.
1848.....	August 23 to August 28....	Dubuque.....	Morris.....	H. W. Reed.
1849.....	" 8 to " 13....	Fort Madison....	Janes.....	Landon Taylor.
1850.....	" 7 to " 12....	Fairfield.....	Hamlin.....	J. G. Dimmitt.
1851.....	" 6 to " 11....	Davenport.....	Waugh.....	M. H. Hare
1852.....	September 29 to October 4....	Burlington.....	Ames.....	Joseph Brooks.
1853.....	" 23 to " 4....	Oskaloosa.....	Scott.....	"
1854.....	" 27 to " 4....	Dubuque.....	Morris.....	H. W. Reed.
1855.....	" 26 to " 3....	Keokuk.....	Simpson.....	Joseph Brooks.
1856.....	" 24 to September 30....	Mt. Pleasant....	Janes.....	"
1857.....	" 24 to " 26....	Des Moines.....	Ames.....	"
1858.....	" 8 to " 14....	Fairfield.....	Morris.....	E. L. Briggs.
1859.....	" 7 to " 12....	Muscatine.....	Simpson.....	E. H. Waring.
1860.....	August 29 to September 3....	Oskaloosa.....	Janes.....	"
1861.....	" 21 to August 26....	Burlington.....	Scott.....	"
1862.....	September 10 to September 15....	Washington....	Baker.....	"
1863.....	" 9 to " 14....	Newton.....	Ames.....	"
1864.....	" 14 to " 19....	Keokuk.....	Janes.....	"
1865.....	" 27 to October 2....	Mt. Pleasant....	Janes.....	"
1866.....	" 26 to " 1....	Knoxville.....	Ames.....	"
1867.....	" 18 to September 23....	Ottumwa.....	Scott.....	"
1868.....	" 3 to " 7....	Burlington.....	Janes.....	"
1869.....	" 1 to " 6....	Muscatine.....	Thompson....	"
1870.....	" 23 to October 3....	Albia.....	Ames.....	"
1871.....	October 4 to October 9....	Mt. Pleasant....	Ames.....	"
1872.....	" 9 to " 14....	Oskaloosa.....	Andrews....	"
1873.....	September 17 to September 21....	Washington....	Bowman....	"
1874.....	" 16 to " 21....	Bloomfield....	Haven.....	"
1875.....	" 15 to " 21....	Keokuk.....	Merrill.....	"
1876.....	" 6 to " 12....	Ottumwa.....	Wiley.....	Geo. N. Power.
1877.....	" 5 to " 10....	Fairfield.....	Ames.....	"
1878.....	" 4 to " 10....	Brooklyn.....	Foster.....	"
1879.....	" 3 to " 9....	Burlington....	Harris.....	"
1880.....	" 8 to " 13....	Centerville....	Hurst.....	"
1881.....	August 31 to September 5....	Knoxville.....	Merrill.....	"
1882.....	September 6 to September 11....	Muscatine.....	Wiley.....	"
1883.....	" 5 to " 10....	Burlington.....	Simpson.....	"

ROLL AND RECORD OF THE BISHOPS.

NAME.	P. O. ADDRESS.	Entered the Ministry.	Ordained Bishop.
Matthew Simpson.....	1807 Mt. Vernon Street, Philadelphia.....	1833	1852
Thomas Bowman.....	3029 Washington Avenue, St. Louis.....	1839	1872
William L. Harris.....	805 Broadway, New York.....	1837	1872
Randolph S. Foster.....	59 Rutland Street, Boston.....	1837	1872
Isaac W. Wiley.....	190 West Fourth Street, Cincinnati.....	1851	1872.
Stephen W. Merrill.....	57 Washington Street, Chicago.....	1846	1872
Edward G. Andrews.....	Washington, D. C.....	1848	1872
Henry W. Warren.....	110 Whitehall Street, Atlanta, Georgia.....	1855	1880
Cyrus D. Foss.....	St. Paul or Minneapolis, Minnesota.....	1857	1880
John F. Hurst.....	Des Moines, Iowa.....	1853	1880

ELECTORAL CONFERENCE.

The Electoral Conference of Laymen to the Iowa Conference met in the basement of the church Friday morning, September 7, at 10 o'clock, and was called to order by Dr. L. F. Ellsworth, of Oskaloosa.

Brother William Crasson lead the Conference in prayer by invoking the Divine blessing.

On motion, Brother William Crasson was elected temporary chairman, and Brother J. B. McCurdy temporary secretary.

The following committees were appointed:

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS—M. L. Andrews, Burlington; J. Marshall, Ottumwa; C. F. Craver, Oskaloosa District; J. W. Rice, Muscatine District; I. S. Nash, Mt. Pleasant District; J. McCarty, Keokuk District.

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION—J. A. Lee, Keokuk District; S. C. Gardner, Mt. Pleasant District; G. W. Dalby, Oskaloosa District; Geo. Haw, Ottumwa District; J. B. Henniker, Muscatine District; C. A. Lisle, Burlington District.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following delegates:

OTTUMWA DISTRICT.

Geo. Haw, Ottumwa; C. Withrow, Ottumwa; S. L. Collins, Knoxville; E. T. Mills, Cedar Circuit; Samuel Pendergast, Plano Circuit; W. K. Rouze, Durham Circuit; D. Rogers, Attica Circuit; J. Marshall, Kirkville.

MUSCATINE DISTRICT.

J. W. Rice, Muscatine; J. B. Hennicker, Sweetland Center; Thomas E. Milburn, Lettsville; A. Cooly, West Liberty; W. H. Hilburn, Oxford; Samuel Whitlock, Kosta.

BURLINGTON DISTRICT.

Isaac Welch, Columbus Junction; M. L. Andrews, Mt. Pleasant; P. Darbyshire, Wayland; George Van Beek, New London; S. W. Shepherd, Danville; Charles A. Lisle, Fort Madison; R. D. Pool, Mediapolis; R. S. McIntire, Burlington; William Bucklew, Burlington, South; J. G. Davidson, Spring Creek; William Elliott, Canan Circuit; John Adams, Ainsworth; D. R. Cameron, Morning Sun; John McDonald, Kossuth; W. Shipman, Wapello.

KEOKUK DISTRICT.

Wm. Price, Keokuk, 1st Charge; Jo. Warren, Keosauqua; F. F. Collins, Pulaski; Jo. McCarty, Bloomfield; A. Carnine, Milton Circuit; J. A. Lee, Keokuk, Chatham Square; J. A. Keck, Bentonsport; Elijah Johnson, Cincinnati Circuit

MT. PLEASANT DISTRICT.

D. W. Beck, Martinsburg; L. A. Meyers, Agency City; R. M. Mayer, Brighton; S. C. Gardner, Lexington; G. W. Morris, Hillsboro; C. W. Simmons, Abington; I. S. Nash, Keota; Wm. Wilson, Jr., Washington; E. Sampson, Fairfield Circuit.

OSKALOOSA DISTRICT.

J. B. Harkster, Chester Circuit; Pierce Ratliffe, New Sharon; J. B. McCurdy, First M. E. Church, Oskaloosa; L. F. Ellsworth, Rose Hill; C. F. Craver, Grinnell; A. B. Wood, Montezuma Circuit; George W. Dalby, Brooklyn; J. W. Bates, Wesley Chapel; H. Dryden, Lynnvile; William Crassen, Oskaloosa, Simpson; E. N. Hollen, Newton; W. G. Romans, Ottey.

The following Committee on Resolutions was appointed: P. Ratliffe, Oskaloosa District; A. Cooley, Muscatine District; S. L. Collins, Ottumwa District; L. A. Meyers, Mt. Pleasant District; Jos. Warren, Keokuk District; W. P. Elliott, Burlington District.

On motion, all resolutions to be referred to Committee on Resolutions.

On motion, the Conference adjourned until 2 o'clock.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lay Conference was called to order, and the Committee on Permanent Organization reported C. A. Lisle for Chairman, and J. B. McCurdy, Secretary. The report was adopted.

A motion was made to proceed to the election of two delegates to the General Conference, and two alternates.

The Conference proceeded to take an informal ballot, (with the understanding that the names receiving the highest number of votes to be the candidates for delegates, and the next two as alternates.)

P. Ratliffe and W. Wilson, Jr., were appointed tellers. They were instructed, per motion, to throw out all ballots containing more than two names.

The following named gentlemen were placed in nomination: Lindley Hoops, of Muscatine; J. C. Power, of Burlington; M. M. Waldon, of Centerville; Dr. L. F. Ellsworth, of Oskaloosa; J. M. Cathcart, of Knoxville; John Mahin, of Muscatine; Dr. D. A. Hurst, of Oskaloosa; D. H. Emory, of Ottumwa; Robert Baxter, of Knoxville; C. F. Craver, of Grinnell; E. A. Gibbs, of Fort Madison.

The informal ballot resulted as follows: Power, 25; Hurst, 19; Ellsworth, 12; Waldon, 10; Emory, 16; Craver, 10; Hoops, 5; Mahin, 4; Cathcart, 5; Baxter, 5, and Gibbs, 3.

Remarks were made by some of the brethren not calculated to place Judge Power in a favorable light before the public.

The first formal ballot was then taken, and resulted as follows: Hurst, 29; Power, 24; Emory, 18; Craver, 7; Ellsworth, 7; Waldon, 7; Baxter, 4; Cathcart, 2; Gibbs, 1; Hoops, 6.

Dr. D. A. Hurst, of Oskaloosa, having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected a delegate to the General Conference.

The election was then made unanimous.

On motion, balloting was then suspended for discussion of proper candidates for the second delegate to the General Conference.

Some of the delegates charged that Judge Power did not favor what is known as the "pastoral term;" that he was not a "genuine" Methodist, and that he was not a prohibitionist.

Mr. W. Wilson, of Washington, took the floor and addressed the Conference in behalf of Judge Power. He said: Let it go out to the Press of Iowa that this charge has been made against him, and that he is to be branded because he is not a prohibitionist. Let the liquor men know that we have branded one in our midst for so shallow a cause, and prevented him from receiving the honor that was about to be conferred upon him. Judge Power had been attacked without reason or cause, and there is no one here to undertake his defense.

Rev. I. P. Teter arose and stated that Judge Power favored the most extreme prohibitory measures.

C. A. Lisle stated he run a strong prohibition paper in an anti-prohibition county, and occasionally he was compelled to tune its sentiments to the breeze. Such might be the case with Judge Power.

Another delegate arose and stated there was no question as to the prohibition sentiments of Judge Power.

The ballot was then taken and resulted as follows: D. H. Emory, of Ottumwa, 36; Judge Power, 16; L. F. Ellsworth, 4.

Mr. Emory having received a majority of the votes cast, was declared elected delegate to the General Conference.

On motion, Judge Power and Dr. Ellsworth were then unanimously elected alternates.

A motion to adjourn for twenty minutes, while the Committee on Resolutions were engaged in the preparation of resolutions for either the acceptance or rejection of the Lay Conference, then prevailed.

At this period the Chairman, introduced Rev. B. H. Badley, our Missionary to India, who gave us a short pointed address upon this subject.

The committee having completed the labor assigned it, and the delegates having re-assembled, the following resolutions (the majority report of the committee) were read to the Conference:

Your Committee on Resolutions present the following:

1. *Resolved*, That the Lay Conference re-affirms the preamble and resolutions of the Iowa Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church on temperance.
2. *Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Conference that the "time limit" of the Pastorate of the M. E. Church remain as it is.
3. *Resolved*, That the Lay Conference of the M. E. Church do hereby petition the President of the Iowa Annual Conference of the M. E. Church, at its session in 1884, to reduce the number of districts in our Conference to four.

Pierce Ratliffe then presented the following minority report:

WHEREAS, It seems to us that the laymen of the church are interested in the length of the pastoral term, as well as the ministry; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Lay Electoral Conference of the Iowa Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church do hereby memorialize the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to amend at its next session paragraph 160, section 3, of our Discipline, so that our Pastors may remain four consecutive years in one charge. We also wish to state as our conviction that the entire removal of the limit of our pastoral term would be very detrimental to the interests of our church.

It was moved and seconded the minority report be laid on the table.

The chair ruled the motion out of order.

Mr. Wilson inquired of the chair by what parliamentary rules he arrived at that conclusion?

It was moved and carried that the Lay Conference take up the majority report and adopt it resolution by resolution.

The following amendment to the minority report was made: "In case the congregation, pastor and Conference agree to the same."

The first and second resolutions of the majority report were then adopted.

A motion was then made that the third resolution be adopted; which, after considerable discussion, was lost.

A motion to the effect that the third resolution be tabled was carried.

The Conference then returned a vote of thanks to the citizens of Burlington for their kindness and efforts to provide entertainment for them, and to the Railroad Companies for reduced fare.

The following resolution, presented by E. Sampson, was adopted:

Resolved, That as a Lay Conference we would declare our appreciation of the *Central Christian Advocate*, and will labor for its interests; and that we also express our high appreciation of our Sunday School Papers and Periodicals.

The Secretary was instructed to furnish a copy of the Proceedings of this body to the Secretary of the Iowa Annual Conference for publication in the Minutes of the Conference; also to the *Central Christian Advocate* for publication.

The Secretary then read the Minutes of the morning and afternoon sessions, and the Lay Conference adjourned, with the benediction.

J. B. McCURDY, Sec'y.

CHAS. A. LISLE, Chairman.